

# **Community Issues Report**

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### **Consumer, Health & Safety**

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

### **Crime**

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

### **Education**

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

### **Environment**

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

### **Government**

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

### **Jobs/Economy/Growth**

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

### **Quality of Life**

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

## *Attachments*



## *Consumer, Health & Safety*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FIRST QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

January 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 3, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Motorcycle fatalities in South Carolina increased in 2007 compared with previous years. There were 120 deaths last year compared with 106 fatalities the previous year and 94 deaths in 2005. Safety officials said there are several reasons for more deaths last year, including more inexperienced riders on the state's roads, heavier and faster motorcycles and fewer bikers wearing helmets. In South Carolina, state law requires only bikers younger than 21 to wear a helmet. A task force of bikers and motorcycle dealers, law enforcement and other officials are studying ways to strengthen safety. Recommendations will likely not require helmets for everyone, but could make inexperienced riders wear them until they complete safety courses.

January 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: For George Peters of B and K Services, the day has been non-stop. He's been going from house to house repairing and checking heaters. Peters said when heaters start having problems a main concern is carbon monoxide build-up. "You can see the signs if it's developing carbon monoxide," Peters said. "It will melt your wiring that's here because it's not pulling enough air through and it gets overly hot." Peters recommends home owners look for erosion, rust or burn spots on their heaters to make sure it's not seeping carbon monoxide through the vents. If energy conservation is the goal, Peters said it's best to set the thermostat to one temperature instead of turning it on and off. "You get your house warmed up and keep it that way, it's going to heat better and it's not going to cost you that much to run." Peters suggested homeowners leave the vents in rooms open and clean the filters on a regular basis. Homeowners who follow these tips will keep their heaters running safely and efficiently, Peters said.

January 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 15, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The meeting started off with a humorous tone. The Clemson City Council members had to wear Auburn jerseys after losing a friendly wager about the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. The meeting quickly turned serious when

the city's smoking ban was brought to the council. This was the second reading of an ordinance that bans smoking in public places as well as city buildings and vehicles. Some Clemson University students who attended Monday's meeting said the ban would help them breathe easier. "I don't like the smell and I have a little bit of an allergic reaction," said Jason Schwier, a Clemson student. "So there are some [health](#) reasons for me." Eventually, the ordinance passed with a 4-3 vote. However, how long that ordinance will stay on the books remains to be seen. The South Carolina Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the constitutionality of Greenville's smoking ban that was passed in 2006. The ban was then overturned by a judge in 2007. The high court heard arguments on Greenville's ban last week, but its decision is not expected for a few months. Until then, Clemson's smoking ban is scheduled to go into effect on July 1.

January 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 17, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: With cold and flu season well under way, the government plans to warn parents that over-the-counter cough and cold medicines are too risky for babies and toddlers. The FDA is issuing a public [health](#) advisory to tell parents to avoid the drugs for children under 2 because of "serious and potentially life-threatening side effects." Drug companies last October quit selling dozens of versions targeted specifically to babies and toddlers. And the FDA's own scientific advisers voted that same month that the drugs don't even work in small children and shouldn't be used in anyone under age 6. The government is worried people still have the drugs at home, or are using drugs meant for older children. The FDA still hasn't ruled if the remedies are appropriate for older children, and expects to make a decision on that by spring.

January 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 23, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Water damage at Social Security Office in Greenville forced the agency to close its doors on Tuesday. An office representative said the office will reopen as soon as the damage is repaired. People who need to do business with Social Security were being directed to the offices in Anderson on Clemson Boulevard and in Spartanburg on Magnolia Street. The office said most Social Security business can be handled through the agency's toll free number at 800-772-1213 or on their Web site at [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov).

January 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 29, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Small businesses could join together to offer employees more affordable health coverage under a bill that received key approval in the House. The bill approved Tuesday would allow small businesses to band together to purchase health insurance for their employees. The idea is that the groups of businesses with up to 1,000 employees could negotiate cheaper insurance rates than individual businesses. The legislation requires another perfunctory vote in the House. The Senate passed the bill last year. Gov. Mark Sanford has called the bill a priority for this session and asked legislators to send it to his desk within a couple weeks. The state's Small Business Chamber of Commerce said the bill will be of little help to businesses.

January 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: As a hairdresser, it's Linda Peterson's job to notice every little detail, but it was the detail in an e-mail she received that she said had the hairs on her neck stand up. She said a fishy email made her anxious. "I was scared, especially when it mentioned an ATM card. Yeah, I was scared," said Peterson. Not only did the e-mail Peterson receive -- from someone

claiming to be from Nigeria -- talk about her ATM card, it also asked for her full name, address and phone number. "If you do get an E-mail, don't respond to it," said Peterson. Linda said she deleted the email and Kathy Barrett with the Better Business Bureau said that's exactly what people are supposed to do. She said letters like hers get mass mailed every day. "When you respond, they'll have your information, and then you'll get more and more [e-mails]," said Barrett. Barrett said some people fall for the scam. The Nigerian letter scam has been around since the early 1990s. Initially, they targeted small businesses, but now it's any e-mail address they can find. For more information, go to the "as seen on section" on this Web site.

February 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 4, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Baby shampoos, lotions and powders may expose infants to chemicals that have been linked with possible reproductive problems, a small study suggests. The chemicals, called phthalates, are found in many ordinary products including cosmetics, toys, vinyl flooring and medical supplies. They are used to stabilize fragrances and make plastics flexible. In the study, they were found in elevated levels in the urine of babies who'd been recently shampooed, powdered or lotioned with baby products. Phthalates are under attack by some environmental advocacy groups, but [experts](#) are uncertain what dangers, if any, they might pose. The federal government doesn't limit their use, although California and some countries have restricted their use. Animal studies have suggested that phthalates can cause reproductive birth defects and some activists believe they may cause reproductive problems in boys and early puberty in girls. Rigorous scientific evidence in human studies is lacking. The current study offers no direct evidence that products the infants used contained phthalates, and no evidence that the chemicals in the babies' urine caused any harm. Still, the results worried environmental groups that support restrictions on these chemicals. "There is an obvious need for laws that force the beauty industry to clean up its act," said Stacy Malkan of Health Care Without Harm. The study's lead author, Dr. Sheela Sathyanarayana, a [University](#) of Washington pediatrician, said, "The bottom line is that these chemicals likely do exist in products that we're commonly using on our children and they potentially could cause health effects." Babies don't usually need special lotions and powders, and water alone or shampoo in very small amounts is generally enough to clean infant hair, Sathyanarayana said. Concerned parents can seek products labeled "phthalate-free," or check labels for common phthalates, including DEP and DEHP. But the chemicals often don't appear on product labels. That's because retail products aren't required to list individual ingredients of fragrances, which are a common phthalate source. The Food and Drug Administration "has no compelling evidence that phthalates pose a safety risk when used in cosmetics," spokeswoman Stephanie Kwisnek said. "Should new data emerge, we will inform the public as well as the industry." The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the health effects in humans are uncertain. "Although several studies in people have explored possible associations with developmental and reproductive outcomes (semen quality, genital development in boys, shortened pregnancy, and premature breast development in young girls), more research is needed," a 2005 CDC report said. The new study, which appears in February's issue of the journal Pediatrics, involved 163 babies. Most were white, ages 2 to 28 months and living in California, Minnesota and Missouri. The researchers measured levels of several phthalates in urine from diapers. They also asked the mothers about use in the previous 24 hours of baby products including lotions, powders, diaper creams and baby wipes. All urine samples had detectable levels of at least one phthalate, and most had levels of several more. The highest levels were linked with shampoos, lotions and powders, and were most prevalent in babies younger than 8 months. John Bailey, chief scientist at the Personal Care Products Council, questioned the methods and said the phthalates could have come from diapers, lab materials or other sources. "Unfortunately, the researchers of this study did not test baby care products for the presence of phthalates or control for other possible routes of exposure," Bailey said.

February 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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February 25, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: The 2009 Nissan Murano, which was redesigned for the new model year, earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's top safety pick award among testing of [midsize SUVs](#). The Murano was the top performer in front, side and rear testing, earning a rating of good in each test. "You don't know what kind of crash you're going to get into, so you want a vehicle that affords the best protection in the most common kinds of crashes," IIHS senior Vice President Joe Nolan said. "The Murano is the only [SUV](#) in the group that does this." In the 2009 Murano, electronic stability control is now standard equipment, where it had previously been offered as an option. It was the only SUV in the group recently tested to earn good ratings in all three IIHS tests, and it's one of two SUVs tested to earn a good rating for protection against whiplash injury in rear-end crashes. The Jeep Liberty, Jeep Wrangler four-door, and Kia Sorento -- all 2008 models -- are the worst performers in the side test. The Liberty, also sold as the Dodge Nitro, and Wrangler earn the second lowest rating of marginal for protection in side crashes. The Sorento earns the lowest rating of poor. The Mazda CX-7 and CX-9 as well as the Mitsubishi Endeavor earn good ratings for protection in front and side crashes. All three would have won Top Safety Pick if they had good ratings for protection against neck injury in rear-end crashes. The seat/head restraint combinations in both Mazdas are rated marginal for rear crash protection. The Endeavor's is poor. Whiplash usually isn't life-threatening, but it can be debilitating and difficult to recover from, the IIHS reported. Whiplash is the most serious injury reported in about 2 million insurance claims each year, which cost at least \$8.5 billion. SUV Safety Improving: In 2001, half of the midsize models that were tested earned good ratings in the frontal offset test. In the latest evaluations, all but the Hummer H3 do, and it earns an acceptable rating. As manufacturers introduce improved designs, more SUVs are qualifying for Top Safety Pick by earning good ratings in all three tests and having electronic stability control. Institute research indicates that electronic stability control reduces the risk of fatal single-vehicle crashes by 56 percent and fatal multiple-vehicle crashes by 32 percent. Many single-vehicle crashes involve rolling over, and this feature reduces the risk of fatal single-vehicle rollovers by 80 percent in SUVs and 77 percent in cars. "Combined with test results released last year, consumers now have nine midsize, moderately priced SUV models that earn our Top Safety Pick designation," Nolan said. "More good news is that manufacturers have been moving quickly to add safety features like stability control and side airbags to their SUV models."

February 28, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

February 28, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: Revolving doors at an Anderson hospital keep turning as patients sick with the [flu](#) enter at a steady pace. "Our emergency room and lots of ERs are overwhelmed with lots and lots of people looking for care," said Dr. David Potts from the Anderson Medical Center. Potts is the hospital's chief of infectious disease. He said the strain of flu in circulation is different than the one contained in the shot that most people got earlier this year. "This year we didn't have much flu around until the end of January and now it's just come and gotten us," Potts said. "It's a little more than most years and it's come all at one time, as well." Potts said throughout the day nurses and doctors meet to figure out how to handle all the patients coming through their doors. "Part of the problem is some of our personnel are out with the flu so fewer people are working harder," Potts said. Another problem, Potts pointed out, is that some of the people who come to the emergency room don't need to be seen. He said most of the time only elderly people or people with immune disorders need to see a doctor if they get the flu. He said for everyone else, the chills, headaches and sore muscles are symptoms that will pass. "For the average person, stay home," Potts said. "[Drink](#) plenty of water. Take Tylenol. Wash your hands so you don't give it to someone else and you should be OK." Potts said the best way to avoid getting the flu is to stay away from sick people. He said if you are sick, spare the healthy by staying home.

February 29, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

February 29, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: Paying at the pump is getting pricier, and many local residents are trying to find ways around escalating gas prices. "We've all got to survive out here, too," William Link said Thursday afternoon as he pumped gas. Some customers said their pennies are being pinched based on location. "Seems like some parts of town are cheaper than other parts," Link said as he put the cap on his tank. Link stopped by a Citgo Gas Station on East Lee



Road in Taylors, where gas was \$3.05 a gallon for unleaded on Thursday. "I didn't fill it up; I only put \$20 in," he said. "But it's about \$42 (to fill it up), and this is just a Honda." Some customers said that because the gas station is the only one around the area, the price is higher than others. "There are slower-volume stores and I have a low-volume store. One might have a week or two supply of gasoline," said Stewart Spinks. He owns the Spinks gas station franchise, and doesn't own the Citgo store, but he said he knows all about supply and demand for gas. Analysts with AAA of the Carolinas said certain stores might have more customers which could allow companies to keep prices competitive. For example, there are two B-Kangaroo Gas Stations and both sit at the intersection of Roper Mountain and Woodruff Roads in Greenville County. They stay busy and the prices are about the same at \$2.93 a gallon for unleaded. Spinks said currently, everyone is feeling the pinch. He said he is selling gas below cost. "I may have cost in the ground right now at \$2.75 at some stores and I may have cost in the ground at \$3 a gallon and selling it at \$2.98. So, I'm not making that much of a profit either," he said. Analysts with AAA said there are other factors that go into setting gas prices, such as how far a gas truck has to travel for delivery or even the number of credit card purchases at a store.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Although it's sunny, tornado sirens sounded on Thursday morning as part of a statewide tornado drill. The drill comes as South Carolina observes Severe Weather Awareness Week. Officials said at 9:30 a.m. Thursday tornado sirens in the upstate sounded, prompting schools, colleges and other organizations to practice their tornado safety plan. South Carolina officials urged all residents to use that time to review their own severe weather safety plan, so they are prepared when a real tornado is bearing down on them. The National Weather Service said the safest place to be during any storm is the lowest level of a sturdy building, preferably a basement. They said the general idea of tornado safety is to put as many walls between yourself and the tornado as possible. The drill comes just two days after a line of severe thunderstorms damaged many homes in the Brookdale Acres subdivision near Greer. Officials said nine out of the 32 homes in the neighborhood suffered significant structural damage. The remainder of the homes were left with missing shingles, blown out windows and trees knocked down. The weather service said Wednesday that the damage on Tuesday was not caused by a tornado, but rather by strong winds between 75 and 80 miles per hour.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Leading doctors urged a return to older, tried-and-true treatments for high cholesterol after hearing full results Sunday of a failed trial of Vytorin. Millions of Americans already take the drug or one of its components, Zetia. But doctors were stunned to learn that Vytorin failed to improve heart disease even though it worked as intended to reduce three key risk factors. "People need to turn back to statins," said Yale University cardiologist Dr. Harlan Krumholz, referring to Lipitor, Crestor and other widely used brands. "We know that statins are good drugs. We know that they reduce risks." The study was closely watched because Zetia and Vytorin have racked up \$5 billion in sales despite limited proof of benefit. Two Congressional panels launched probes into why it took drugmakers nearly two years after the study's completion to release results. Results were presented at an American College of Cardiology conference in Chicago Sunday and published on the Internet by the New England Journal of Medicine. Doctors have long focused on lowering LDL or bad cholesterol as a way to prevent heart disease. Statins like Merck & Co.'s Zocor, which recently came out in generic form, do this, as do niacin, fibrates and other medicines. Vytorin, which came out in 2004, combines Zocor with Schering-Plough Corp.'s Zetia, which went on sale in 2002 and attacks cholesterol in a different way. The study tested whether Vytorin was better than Zocor alone at limiting plaque buildup in the arteries of 720 people with super high cholesterol because of a gene disorder. The results show the drug had "no result - zilch. In no subgroup, in no segment, was there any added benefit" for reducing plaque, said Dr. John Kastelein, the Dutch scientist who led the study. That happened even though Vytorin dramatically lowered LDL, fats in the blood called triglycerides and a measure of artery inflammation -- CRP. Some doctors noted that hormone pills for menopausal women and torcetrapib, a promising cholesterol drug Pfizer Inc. recently abandoned, also lowered cholesterol but were found in big studies to raise heart risks, not lower them. Another ominous sign was the decision Friday by other researchers to expand enrollment in a more pivotal study of Vytorin to 18,000 people because early results suggest it will be harder than anticipated to see if it is any better than Zocor alone. "It will be 2012 -- 10 ten years after the drug was introduced -- before we know the answer," said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic cardiologist who has no role in the studies and has criticized

the drugmakers over the one reported Sunday. Dr. Robert Spiegel, chief medical officer for Schering-Plough, said the study was done "with the highest integrity" and that doctors can believe the results "because of the time we took to make sure the data are right." "We were disappointed that it was not a very balanced panel discussion" by the heart doctors who urged their peers to focus on more established treatments. However, Kastelein said the data were far more consistent than anticipated and ample to show that the drug simply did not work. "A lot of us thought that there would be some glimmer of benefit," said Dr. Roger Blumenthal, a Johns Hopkins University cardiologist and spokesman for the American Heart Association. Many doctors have prescribed Vytorin without trying older, proven medications first, as guidelines advise. The key message from the study is "don't do that," Blumenthal said. No one should ever stop any heart drug without talking with their doctors, heart specialists stressed. However, doctors "should be thinking twice," said Duke University cardiologist Dr. Robert Califf. He takes the drug himself because he cannot tolerate the high dose of statins he otherwise would need. Dr. James Stein, director of preventive cardiology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said many doctors prescribe Zetia and Vytorin because they seem to be safe ways to get cholesterol down quickly, without annoying side effects like flushing that some other medicines carry. Stein, who has consulted for Schering-Plough, said that after six years on the market, it would have been good to see better results on a drug so many doctors believed would help, "but the reason we do research is so we don't have to rely on our 'beliefs' - we can rely on data." The New England Journal also published a report showing that Vytorin and Zetia's use soared in the United States amid a \$200 million advertising blitz. In Canada, where marketing drugs directly to consumers is not allowed, sales were four times lower. In addition to the two Congressional committee probes, New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo subpoenaed the companies in a similar probe in January. "While these corporations profited, Americans were left in the dark," Cuomo said in a written statement Sunday. "The millions who take this drug, taxpayers who subsidize its use through the Medicaid and Medicare programs, and Merck and Schering-Plough's investors deserve to know why it took so long for the results to be made public. This new information underscores our concerns and advances our investigation, which we will pursue aggressively.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The city of Greenville is set to take over the Greenville Transit Authority. In January, the city signed a contract with Greenville County to take over the day-to-day operations of the bus system on Mar. 31. On Monday, the city plans to announce its long-term and short-term goals for the system, which will now be called Greenlink. The city has also applied for a \$20 million federal grant to construct a high-speed bus line that would connect downtown Greenville to the downtown airport and the new International Center for Automotive Research. The city said it used results from an online poll to help determine what changes and improvements needed to be made to the system. GTA employees, who were previously employed by the county, are now employed by the city. Most of them said they are happy with the transition. The city has planned a press conference for 10:30 a.m. Monday to talk about the future of Greenlink.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Average gasoline prices have hit another all-time high, according to a survey conducted for motorist organization AAA. The average price of regular rose to \$3.287 a gallon, up from \$3.286 the previous day, according to the AAA Web site. The price averaged \$3.165 a month ago. A year ago, American drivers were paying \$2.673, according to AAA. Motorists in Hawaii paid the most for gas, averaging \$3.647 a gallon. New Jersey drivers paid the least, with a statewide average of \$3.045 a gallon, according to the survey. Analysts say surging crude prices are largely to blame for pricey gas. Crude topped \$100 a barrel in early 2008, and has traded above \$100 for most of the year. While gasoline prices have hit record highs well before the start of the summer driving season, most analysts expect prices to peak relatively early - somewhere between \$3.30 and \$3.80 a gallon - and then decline during the second half of the spring as a slowing economy crimps demand. The AAA survey,

updated daily, tracks prices at roughly 80,000 service stations across the country. It is conducted for the group by Oil Price Information Service.

*Attachments*



*Crime*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FIRST QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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DESCRIPTION: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

DESCRIPTION: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

January 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 9, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies arrested one man and are searching for another in connection with the shooting death of a cab driver on Monday night. Deputies said 55-year-old Harvey Wells, of Chesnee, was robbed and shot to death while he was cleaning his cab at a car wash around 11:20 p.m. A passerby witnessed the shooting and called 911. Shortly after this call, deputies said they received a 911 call from Wells telling them he had been shot. Deputies arrested 21-year-old William Lee around 2 a.m. Wednesday and charged him with murder. Deputies said they are searching for 22-year-old Darell Ray in connection with the case. They said Ray will also be charged with murder. Wells was a long-time driver for the Deluxe Cab Company. Friends and family describe him as a simple man. "He would always have yard sales," said Ron Henderson, Wells neighbor. "He was a good worker and a hard-working man." Deputies asked anyone with information on Ray's whereabouts to call the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office immediately.

January 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are looking for two people who broke into a home early Friday morning and attacked two people. The break-in happened at 126 W. Fox Ridge Dr. around 1 a.m. Friday. Deputies said 26-year-old Timothy Berry and his brother, 33-year-old Roosevelt Berry Jr. were walking into their home when they were approached by two men wearing black ski masks. Deputies said one of the bandits showed the victims a silver revolver and demanded money. The bandits forced the brothers into the home and made them lay on the floor while they looked for items to steal, deputies said. Deputies said the victims were hit and kicked several times during the robbery. They said Timothy Berry was taken to the hospital to be treated for cuts and bruises he suffered during the attack. Investigators said evidence recovered at the home suggests this was not a random act of violence. The robbers got away with undisclosed amount of money, a flat screen television and jewelry, deputies said. Deputies asked anyone with information in this case should call the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

January 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The South Carolina Supreme Court has upheld the conviction for a former South Carolina lieutenant governor who was involved in the collapse of Carolina Investors. The justices issued their decision Monday. They unanimously said a lower court did not err in convicting former Carolina Investors chairman Earle Morris Jr. Morris was convicted on 22 counts of securities fraud and one count of engaging in a scheme to commit securities fraud. He was sentenced to three years and eight months in prison, but remained free while he appeals. A message left by the Associated Press with Morris' attorney was not immediately returned. More than 8,000 investors lost about \$275 million when Carolina Investors and its parent company, HomeGold Financial, collapsed in 2003.

January 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 14, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said Tuesday that one of their cold cases has begun to heat up with the arrest of Gary Hilton in Georgia. Police said it was a little more than two years ago when Rossana Miliani was last seen. They said Miliani was from Florida and was taking a hiking trip in the Smokey Mountains when she disappeared. "In 2005 Mr. Milliani called and said his daughter was in the area," said E.J. Buchannon who was police chief in Bryson City in 2005. "He was worried because he got one phone call and hadn't heard anything else, so we started searching." Some residents of Bryson City said Milliani was seen all over town just before she went missing. She said she was going hiking toward Boston Mountain," said Don Lackey a Bryson City resident. One business said Milliani rented storage space from them just before she went missing. Police said that was where the trail of evidence ended, until now. "We got some information she had been seen with someone at the store and bought some items here in town," Buchannon said. Investigators said the clerk at that store told them Milliani came into the business with a man fitting Hilton's description. The clerk said Hilton told him that he was a drifter and then he bought camping supplies. The clerk said Milliani seemed uneasy. "If Mr. Hilton did this, then we want to make sure we have a killer off the streets and that we meet our obligation to society," said Swan County Sheriff Curtis Cochran. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation said they are looking into the lead since Hilton is now being linked to at least three other deaths on hiking trails in the region.

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Police said they are searching for a gunman who shot two people outside a bar early Friday. The shooting happened at the Rolex Sports Bar on Woods Lake Drive just before 3 a.m. Friday. Police did not release many details, but did say two people were shot while they were standing in the parking lot. Two other people were assaulted, police said. Police said one person was taken to Greenville Memorial Hospital. Another person was taken to St. Francis Hospital by friends. Both were expected to recover from their injuries, police said. Police said the shooting is still under investigation.

January 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 24, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A mother who is charged in the death of her 7-year-old son last year was back in court on Tuesday for a preliminary hearing. Amanda Smith was charged with murder in the August 2007 smothering death of Devon Epps in early November. Smith and her attorney were in a Greenville County courtroom on Tuesday so a judge could decide if the case will move forward. After hearing both sides of the case, Judge Harold Grimsley decided there was enough evidence to move the case to a grand jury. The grand jury will hear the evidence in the case and decide if it will then go to a jury who will decide Smith's innocence or guilt. Smith has claimed that she had gone out around 11 p.m. that night with her son to get some food when they were carjacked by a man. She said the man made her stop in a grassy field near Frontage and Jacob roads. She said the man made everyone get out of the car and then pushed Devon back into the back seat of the car and smothered him with a pillow. After her son's death, Smith wrote several messages on a MySpace page in her son's honor, stating how saddened she was by his death. Smith also organized a candlelight vigil in her son's memory, where she held a candle in the center of a crowd while wearing a shirt with Devon's picture on it. Since Devon's death, his father's family has said they doubted the validity of Smith's story. Smith was being held at the Greenville County Detention Center with no bond. There was no date set for the grand jury to hear.

January 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 25, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said they are searching for a gunman who shot and killed a man in front of a sports bar early Friday morning. The shooting happened in front of the Endzone Bar and Grill located at 66 Jones Street around 12:30 a.m. Deputies said the body was found lying in the road. Deputies said security at the sports bar escorted several people outside after an argument started between Larry Darnell Miller and the victim. They said the argument continued outside the bar. At some point during the confrontation, Miller pulled out a gun and fired at least one shot at the victim, deputies said. The name of the victim was not released. Deputies asked anyone with information on Miller's whereabouts or the shooting to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

January 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 29, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford is taking his fight for tougher drunken driving laws to the Internet. The Republican governor on Monday released an Internet video that features eye-opening statistics involving alcohol-related driving deaths. One statistic said that one-third of DUI arrests are repeat offenders. The video also shows the mother of a 5-year-old boy talking about her son, who was killed by a drunken driver in 2005. The video said there are too many loopholes in the state's laws. It urges viewers to contact their state senator and encourage lawmakers to pass stronger DUI regulations. Sanford also is traveling across the state to call for tougher illegal immigration laws and better health care access for small businesses.

January 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 30, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Authorities arrested six people after a 15-year-old boy overdosed on prescription drugs at a party. Greenwood County deputies said four of the people at the party last week thought they were taking an anti-anxiety drug, but instead took pills used to treat Parkinson's disease. They were taken to the hospital, but not seriously injured. Authorities said the partygoers suffered hallucinations and slurred speech and lost track of what happened for days. Deputies said a 15-year-old boy overdosed on the pills and a 9-year-old girl was also in the home at the time of the party. Investigators said the six people were charged with a variety of crimes, including drug charges, conspiracy and placing a child at risk.

February 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 5, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies ticketed five people over the weekend after they say the group was involved in cockfighting. Deputies received a call on Saturday about a group of people at 124 Osmand Drive fighting roosters in their back yard. When they arrived, deputies said they saw a group of four men standing in a circle with two roosters in the middle fighting. They said when the group saw the deputy pull up, they picked up the roosters and put them into a shed and locked the door. Deputies said they questioned the four men about how many chickens they had at the home. The men told deputies they had about seven or eight and said they breed them and sell them to people who do fight chickens. Investigators said they noticed cages used to fight roosters and tethers used to hold the roosters in place so they can fight. They also found feathers all over the ground and fresh rooster tracks in the dirt where they suspected the birds were fighting. Animal control officers were called and took the birds into custody. Deputies said in total 19 roosters and four hens were confiscated at the home. Thirty-year-old Jose Vazquez, 29-year-old Leonel Hinojosa, 43-year-old Hortencia Flores, 30-year-old Castro German and 29-year-old Isrrael Casterllon were issued tickets for engaging in or being present at cockfighting. Deputies said all five will appear in court at a later date.

February 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Three people were arrested Thursday morning after police said two men kicked in a door at a home and stole wallets and two cars. The break-in happened at a home in the South Gate Mobile Home Park around 3 a.m. Thursday. Police said two adults and two children were inside the home when two men kicked down the door and were waving guns. The two men stole wallets from the people inside and then grabbed the keys for two cars and stole those cars. Police said a relative of the family robbed called for help. Greenville County deputies picked up the call and spotted the stolen vehicles and a third vehicle believed to be used in the break-in. Deputies started chasing the cars. One of the three cars being chased pulled over in front of a McDonald's on White Horse Road shortly after the chase started. Police said the other two cars kept going. The chase went through Greenville, Simpsonville, Piedmont and into Anderson County. Deputies in that county and the Highway Patrol then picked up the chase. Police said the driver of a second car pulled over in Anderson County and was arrested. The third car, a brown Suburban, kept going, police said. Deputies eventually lost the car and are still looking for it. Police arrested three people from the two cars that pulled over. Police asked anyone with information in the case to call their local police department immediately.

February 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Every day upstate drivers cruise underneath overpasses on Interstate 85 without thinking twice about it. However, this week 5 drivers were left a little shaken after such a drive. "I went under the interstate here



and I thought it was something dangling from the bridge I hit,” said Charlie Coons, one of the drivers affected. Coons said he pulled off the highway to inspect the damage. He found the roof of his truck had been dented by something falling from the overpass. While he was checking his truck, Coons said two other drivers pulled over and had similar experiences. Coons said one woman had a rock break a large hole through her front windshield and land in her passenger seat. The woman said she had two children sitting in the back seat at the time. “Typically, we find these are young adolescents out doing what they consider vandalism or mischief,” said Chief Deputy Creed Hashe from the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office. “It’s sporadic, but it does happen.” Hashe said these incidents are not being taken lightly. “We have people assigned to locate these people and stop them before they end up killing someone,” Hashe said. No arrests have been made, but deputies asked drivers who notice suspicious activity on an overpass to call authorities immediately.

February 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
February 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Deputies serving a warrant early Thursday morning found a working methamphetamine lab at the home. The lab was found inside a home at 921 Island Ford Road. Deputies said when they walked into the home to serve the warrant they noticed something suspicious in one of the bedrooms. They described the lab as small. Two people arrested in connection with the drug lab, deputies said. Deputies said the Drug Enforcement Agency has been called in to clean up the lab. There was no word on exactly when the cleanup will happen.

February 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
February 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Deputies arrested a Southside High School teacher after they found 13 marijuana plants in a closet at her home. Deputies said they were called to 3900 East North Street on Sunday morning for a domestic disturbance. When they arrived, they found 23-year-old Tyesha Barber with a bruise on her face. Barber said that her husband had hit her during an argument. Barber told deputies that her husband was still inside the apartment. Deputies said when they went inside the apartment to search for Barber’s husband they detected a strong odor of marijuana. Deputies searched a bedroom in the back of the apartment and found 13 marijuana plants in the closet. Barber was arrested and charged with manufacturing marijuana. She was being held at the Greenville County Detention Center on a \$15,000 bond. Barber teaches English at Southside High School. She has been placed on leave pending further investigation of the case, said Oby Lyles, director of communications for Greenville County Schools.

February 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
February 25, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Deputies said 88 people were charged Sunday in connection with a cockfighting ring. Deputies said the cock fight took place at 113 McNeely Road. Deputies said complaints have been coming into the sheriff’s office for about a month concerning chicken fighting at the home. Detectives set up surveillance and noticed a small, temporary structure made out of poles and tarps behind the home. They found a makeshift ring inside the building and chicken cages just outside. Investigators said among the 88 people charged was the property owner, 38-year-old Henry Stargel. He was charged with four counts of ill treatment of animals. “They put people in cages in ultimate fighting and bust their heads wide open,” said one man who admits to being at the cockfight. “We are doing it to chickens! You eat chickens! It’s chicken!” “It’s a sport and we’re going to keep fighting chickens after this little ticket,” said another man who admits to being at the chicken fight. “It’s just in our blood to keep fighting chickens. I’m third generation. I’m going to fight chickens as long as I don’t get a life sentence.” All 88 people were charged with being present at a cockfighting event which is a high misdemeanor. If convicted, they could be fined \$1,000 or up to a year in jail. All the people charged in the case were released and issued court summons. The chickens were turned over to their owners.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
March 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** The Army advised recruiting stations across the country to use extra caution after a small bomb damaged one in New York early Thursday morning. The Pentagon said no official warning or higher state of alert has been issued. A

spokesman said occasional vandalism does happen at recruiting stations "from time to time." During a news conference Thursday, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg vowed authorities will track down the person responsible for the incident. The explosion caused minor damage and no injuries, but it prompted a huge police response that disrupted travel through and beneath Times Square. "The fact this appears directed at a military recruiting station insults every one of our brave men and women in uniform stationed around the world fighting to defend this country we hold so dear," Bloomberg said during a Thursday morning news conference. He called the person who conducted the bombing a "coward" and said it wouldn't stop New Yorkers or himself from going about their day. New York Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly described the bomb used in the explosion as a "low-order explosive device." He said it was in a small ammunition box and detonated by an unknown means. One witness saw a person riding on a bicycle on the pedestrian island shortly before the explosion acting in a "suspicious manner," Kelly said. The person was described as wearing dark clothing and a knitted hood. Kelly said police have not been able to locate anybody who saw the explosive being placed outside the building. The blast, which took place around 3:45 a.m. EST, blew out a window in front of a poster of Uncle Sam with the famous "I Want You" caption. The small, triangular-shaped recruiting station is located on a pedestrian island at an intersection. "If it is something that's directed toward American troops than it's something that's taken very seriously and is pretty unfortunate," said Army Capt. Charlie Jaquillard, who is the commander of Army recruiting in Manhattan. One person was in the station, where the Marines, Air Force and Navy also recruit, during the blast. That person was not injured and was the first to locate the witness who described the suspect on a bicycle, Kelly said. Members of the police department's bomb squad and fire officials gathered outside the recruiting station. Witnesses staying at a hotel in the area said they heard a "big bang" and could feel the building shake. A large plume of smoke was also visible after the explosion, they said. Police and emergency crews have sealed off the area for an investigation. The incident briefly disrupted subway service through Times Square but authorities said normal service has resumed. Police cars and yellow tape blocked drivers -- most of them behind the wheels of taxicabs -- from entering one of the world's busiest crossroads in the early morning. Police began allowing some traffic through around the start of rush hour. The recruiting station has occasionally been the site of anti-war demonstrations, ranging from silent vigils to loud rallies. Police said it was too early to say if the blast may have been related to two other minor explosions in the city. Two small explosive devices were thrown over a fence at the Mexican consulate in October, breaking three windows but causing no injuries. At the time, police were investigating a similar incident at the British consulate in May 2005.

March 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 7, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A recent rash of thefts in a east Greenville neighborhood has deputies reminding residents to lock their cars. Deputies said the break-ins happened in neighborhoods off Batesville Road between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. Thursday. Items like navigation systems, cameras, iPods, cash and a couple of guns were taken from inside 12 cars, deputies said. They said out of the 12 cars that were broken into, all of them were unlocked. "You wouldn't go to the mall or store and leave your pocketbook in an unlocked car," said Sgt. Tony Lee of the Greenville County Sheriff's Department. "Do the same at home! It's good common sense and we all need a reminder from time to time. Investigators said they will use forensic evidence like fingerprints to help track down the thieves. They will also be checking area pawnshops to see if any of the stolen items show up.

March 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 19, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Deputies said Tuesday they are searching for a man who was using a methamphetamine lab discovered last week to make the drug. Charles Brennon, 44, has been charged with manufacturing and distributing methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. The working drug lab was found on Mar. 11 inside a building on Calvary Church Road. Deputies asked anyone who has information on Brennon's whereabouts to call the Pickens County Sheriff's Office at 864-898-5500 or Crime Stoppers at 898-KOPS.

March 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 20, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Justice Department is investigating alleged misconduct by South Carolina Highway Patrol troopers. Acting U.S. Attorney Kevin McDonald told The State newspaper of Columbia for a story Thursday he thinks it's appropriate to review the actions. In the past few weeks videos have been released showing troopers using racial slurs, threatening to kill a suspect and using their cars to hit suspects running away on foot. McDonald said he referred the matter to the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division after learning of the videos. Public Safety Department spokesman Sid Gaulden said the Patrol welcomes the investigation. He said the handful of cases come from two or three million contacts troopers had with the public in the past four years. Gaulden said there is no pattern of misconduct by troopers.

## *Attachments*



## *Education*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
FIRST QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
January 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 15, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: School officials said they hope a newly planned school in Powdersville will help reduce the crowded student population at neighboring school. Anderson County School District One approved the plan to build a new high school in Powdersville on Jan. 8. They said the school should help alleviate the crowded halls at Wren High School. Wren High School leaders said they have a current enrollment of 1,700 students jammed into a building that was built to hold 800 students. Officials said over the years, they have had to build three additions to the school to accommodate the growing number of students. Students at Wren said parking has also become a big problem at the school. Officials said that the final decision to build the school will be left up to the voters. They will head to the polls on March 18 to vote on a referendum on the proposed school. The school district said if the school is approved it will take three years to build and will accommodate 800 students.

January 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 30, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Parents can now evaluate South Carolina's public schools on a new Web site. The online database created by the Education Oversight Committee allows viewers to search for schools based on several criteria, including performance ratings, number of students and poverty levels. It also includes searches for percentage of teachers with advanced degrees, teacher retention rates and per-pupil spending. Officials hope the Web site will help people better evaluate the state's schools. Report cards were provided online at the state Education Department's Web site. But that site organized the data by year, district and school level.

February 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 6, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Students at Ninety Six High School will get a day off from school Thursday over concerns of structural integrity in two wings of the building. The school district will use the time to decide how to move classrooms and students out of the two wings of the school that have been deemed structurally unsound. Rhonda McDowell, assistant superintendant for Greenwood County School District 52, said students were moved into the school's gymnasium shortly after noon Wednesday. Engineers who had been examining the school's structure for renovations became concerned about the safety of the roof on two wings of the building, McDowell said. The school closed off the two wings immediately. Students were allowed to collect their belongings and then were told to report to the gymnasium for the remainder of the school day. McDowell said students got a full explanation of events on Wednesday and that the school's crisis communication line would be alerting parents of affected students on Wednesday night. Friday was expected to be a normal school day. McDowell said students will make up the lost day of school on Feb. 22.

February 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 7, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Clemson's athletes have set a record with a 2.87 grade-point average for the fall semester. School officials said Clemson's 15 sports programs also had the most athletes named to the President's List in a semester. The football team had a 2.53 grade point average -- its third best on record and best ever for a fall semester. The baseball team had a 2.76 grade point average, and the men's basketball team had a 2.41 GPA for the semester. Six Clemson teams had grade point averages of 3.0 or better. The women's soccer team had the top team GPA at 3.32. The men's tennis team was the best among the men's programs with a 3.24 GPA.

February 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 11, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Clemson University students have proposed the college administration create an amnesty program for alcohol violations when a student's health is in jeopardy. The Medical Alcohol Amnesty Policy would allow students to get medical help for those who have had too much to drink without worrying about facing disciplinary action. The University of Georgia adopted an amnesty policy in May, but officials there say no students have used it. The proposal comes after three Clemson fraternity members were charged with alcohol-related misdemeanors in the death of a freshman from alcohol poisoning at an off-campus party. Gail DiSabatino, Clemson's vice president for student affairs, said the proposal is under review.

February 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 11, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A Furman University scholarship program is being created for environmentally minded students with a \$250,000 grant from a [Bank of America](#) foundation. Each Bank of America fellow will receive a \$25,000 scholarship over a four-year period. The university said it will recruit high school candidates who have a record of achievement in the environmental arena. The money will also be used to complete Cliffs Cottage, an [energy efficient](#) residential facility. Also Friday, Furman University named John Beckford a new dean of faculty. Beckford has been a member of the school's music department since 1976. He will begin a four-year term as dean March 1.

February 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 20, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Parents of some students at Excelsior Middle School said a teacher there has been playing songs about suicide and death to their children during class. The school district said sixth-grade science teacher Karen Hipp has been placed on administrative leave while they investigate the parents' claims. "These are sixth-graders listening to songs about committing suicide or killing others," said one of the parents who did not want to be identified. "I found it very inappropriate." This parent said he first heard the music after his children brought home a CD which they say has a sampling of the songs Hipp plays in class on it. His children also told him that Hipp has downloaded several of the songs for the students to take home and listen to. One of the songs, called "Join Me In Death," is by a rock band called "Him." It has lyrics like, "We are so young. Our lives have just begun. Baby, join me in death." Another parent said although she was upset to hear the music, she said she is relieved that the superintendent took swift action. "When they're exposed to something like this, (the children) have mixed feelings about what's wrong and what's right," said another parent. Calls to Hipp by FOX Carolina were not returned. Also, a knock on her door was unanswered. School officials said they are investigating the accusations against Hipp, but they said it is too early to talk about the case.

February 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 20, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Thirty-five of South Carolina's 85 school districts placed orders for beef that could have come from a California slaughterhouse at the center of a nationwide meat recall. The districts ordered meat from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which was delivered from three processors around the country. Officials said some of the meat could have been

provided from the Westland/Hallmark Meat Company, where undercover video shows workers shocking, kicking and shoving debilitated cattle with forklifts. All the districts have removed the beef, which was made into frozen taco meat, chili and beef patties. No illnesses have been reported from the recalled meat.

February 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Officials said Wednesday a shortfall in state lottery revenues means public schools across South Carolina won't get any money from the lottery in March. South Carolina Education Lottery spokeswoman Julie Huffman told The Greenville News that lottery proceeds were down \$5.5 million from July to January when compared to the same period the year before. Huffman said state law requires that college [scholarships](#) are funded before K-12 public schools, so checks won't be written to school districts in March. Officials said districts only got half of the money they were supposed to get in February. The state Education Department said this is only a temporary cash flow problem and things should return to normal in April.

February 29, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 29, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** The House has given key approval to a bill replacing the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test with an exam supporters said will give teachers more detailed and timely information. Teachers have long criticized the test known as PACT, which is given to third-through-eighth grade students. It covers math, reading, science and social studies. Teachers said the results don't come in until after the school year ends, and provides no detail on subjects where students struggle or [excel](#). PACT has been used to rate schools and districts under state and federal accountability laws. The new, multiple-choice test would replace the PACT beginning in 2010. Officials said results would be available in days, rather than months. The bill needs one more vote in the House before going to the Senate.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 6, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Three students were taken to the hospital after their school bus ran off the road and hit a tree. Troopers said the bus was traveling down Highway 247 near Holiday Dam Road on Thursday when it left the road and crashed into a tree. School officials said the bus was carrying 22 students from the Ellen Woodside School when the crash happened. Although three students were taken to the hospital, troopers said no one was seriously hurt. The bus driver was charged with driving too fast for conditions, and was issued a ticket.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 6, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** A 7-year-old boy said he was punched after asking a question of a teen on the bus he rides. Tristan Bright said he was on a bus near Monarch Elementary last week when he asked a 15-year-old boy a question. Tristan said the teenager turned around and punched him in the face at least 10 times. Investigators said the teen is an eighth-grader at Sims Junior High School. Janie Bright, Tristan's mom, said her son had bumps all over his head and even had a tooth knocked out. "When I saw him he had big gashes all over his face," Janie Bright said. "I don't want him (the teenager) back on the bus." Tristan's older brother, Troy Bright, said since this happened he has not left his little brother's side. He said when he starts driving, he will start taking his younger brother to school. "I don't think it's right for any 15-year-old to beat up a 7-year-old," Troy Bright said. The teen was charged with assault and battery and is also facing expulsion.

March 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 12, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Changes could be on the horizon for Spartanburg County public schools. Currently, the schools are divided into seven districts, but a proposed bill could change that. "If it saves money, that's great, but as long as it doesn't put anybody out of a job," commented Gene Sanders, a [homeowner](#) in Spartanburg County. If the bill passes, seven districts could be consolidated into four. "We all send our children to school for the same reason -- to get an education -- and they should all have the same opportunities," said Dawn Sanders. Her daughter, Shay, is a junior at Byrnes High School in Duncan. Sanders said she wants to learn more about the bill, but isn't necessarily opposed to [consolidation](#) as long as it doesn't affect her daughter's education. "Greenville County has one district, right? They do OK," Sanders said. However, members of the organization SOLVE, which stands for Save Our Local Voice in Education, gathered Tuesday night at Byrnes High School for a rally to save the schools. SOLVE members said they believe the bill would hurt students because a consolidation could mean less one-on-

one attention for students. "It's just a matter of local control and understanding -- what's going on at the building level and the community and the needs of the community," said Dr. Scott Turner, superintendent of School District 5. Turner doesn't want a consolidation either. During the meeting, members of SOLVE told a crowd of teachers and parents that schools in Spartanburg County are performing at a higher level than other consolidated districts throughout the state. However, some believe the consolidation would help with funding and resources to help low-performing schools. State Rep. Ralph Davenport sponsored the bill. He said the bill could help save the district millions of dollars. But Turner said consolidation wouldn't save districts money. "Spartanburg County has a countywide millage that is assessed to equalize funding among the school districts, so there won't be that great of a disparity," Turner said. "It's all about kids, and our motto in our district is, 'Every child, every day.'"

March 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A developer will donate \$10 million and some 350 acres to help create a waterfront, resort-like center where South Carolina teachers can rejuvenate. Clemson University and the South Carolina Department of Education announced the gift Thursday. The money and land were donated by The Cliffs Communities and developer Jim Anthony. The Teacher Renewal Center will be located in the Jocassee Gorges area of Pickens County. Plans call for a hotel, restaurant and conference complex on the banks of the Keowee River between lakes Keowee and Hartwell. Groups of kindergarten- through 12th-grade teachers will come to the center for seminars. Clemson and the Education Department will jointly oversee the center's development an



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*Environment*

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
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Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
January 2, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 2, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: After the driest year on record for the region, the Greenville Water System has only issued voluntary conservation measures for its customers. Compare that to other cities along Interstate 85 like Atlanta and Durham, N.C., which have put in drastic water conservation rules and barring a rainy winter, have only months of water left in their reservoirs. Greenville Water System General Manager Lynn Stovall said the utility has been planning for dry times like this for decades. Stovall said the system serves about 400,000 people with three different reservoirs, constantly monitoring the lakes to assure none of them are drawn down too far.

January 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Developers of a resort golf community in northern Greenville County have changed how they will dispose of sewage, easing worries that fish in a nearby river would be harmed. Developer Jim Anthony has revised the plan to dump 175,000 gallons of wastewater into the North Saluda River at his Cliffs at Mountain Park development. The Cliffs now proposes treating the wastewater more thoroughly and spraying it on the Gary Player-designed golf course and other land. About 150 people attended a public hearing on the development on Tuesday, some carrying signs that read: "Save our Saluda." Brad Wyche, executive director of a group that works to lower developments' impact on the environment, said the plan is moving in the right direction.

January 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 16, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Residents in both the upstate and the mountains were getting ready for winter weather expected Wednesday night. That National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for most of the western North Carolina mountains and the higher elevations of the upstate. They also issued a winter weather advisory for the rest of the upstate. FOX Carolina Meteorologist Melissa Jones said the upstate will start out with a sleet and snow mixture, but there will be a quick change-over to a sleet and freezing rain mix overnight. After sunrise, the precipitation will change to a cold rain, Jones said. Jones said for the mountains an extended period of snow is forecasted for the beginning of the event. Between one and two inches of snow are possible before the precipitation changes over to a sleet and freezing rain mixture overnight. Up to one-quarter inch of ice is possible in the mountains, Jones said. The weather service said the system should not be a crippling ice storm, but travel problems are possible. Forecasters said snow, sleet and freezing rain are possible as far south as Newberry and as far east as Florence. However, no accumulations were expected for those areas. Stay with the FOX Carolina Weather Team and foxcarolina.com for the latest information on this winter storm.

January 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 17, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Snow fell across the northern half of South Carolina and the western North Carolina mountains Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Temperatures in many locations rose above freezing, preventing the snow from staying around long. Snow fell Wednesday evening as far south as Orangeburg, but it was only sticking to the ground in the area along and north of Interstate 85. Troopers reported snow and slush along nearly all of I-85 in South Carolina early Thursday morning. The North Carolina Department of Transportation reported ice and snow covering most roads in the western mountains early Thursday morning. Duke Energy and Blue Ridge Cooperative said they have thousands of customers without power. They said they hope to have the power restored by Thursday evening. The precipitation had changed to rain early Thursday for the upstate and mountains. Some freezing rain was still reported in Greenville, Greer, Florence and Asheville. Early morning temperatures ranged from 32 degrees in Greenville to 46 in Beaufort.

January 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Residents in the upstate and mountains woke up to the coldest temperatures of the season on Monday morning. The 8 a.m. temperature in downtown Greenville was 18 degrees. In Asheville the temperature at 8 a.m. dipped down to 9 degrees. Experts said with temperatures this cold, it's a good idea to let your car warm up before you drive it. Forecasters said high temperatures in Greenville on Monday will only get to the upper 30s, while the mountains were expecting highs in the lower to middle 30s. Forecasters said there is also a chance of snow, freezing rain and sleet on Monday night through early Tuesday morning. Temperatures on Monday night were forecasted to dip into the middle and upper 20s in the upstate and the lower 20s and upper teens in the mountains.

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Description: Volunteers counted nearly 400,000 birds last month in the delta along the coast, officials said. That was 10 times more birds than the previous year. The National Audubon Society sponsors the annual Christmas bird count in a 350,000-acre basin created by three rivers, the Ashepoo, Combahee and Edisto. Numbers can fluctuate depending on the weather, how many volunteers take part and where they are watching. Ann Shahid of Audubon South Carolina said it's important to look at trends over the years, rather than comparing consecutive sets of numbers. Volunteers said they saw everything from blackbirds, grackles and short-eared owls to black-bellied whistling ducks and yellow warblers. They also counted two breeding pairs of the rare whooping crane, a species that was all but wiped out 60 years ago by hunters.

February 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Some families are finally being allowed back into their homes after wind-driven fires forced them to evacuate on Sunday. The largest fire in the region was on Yellow Top Mountain near Bostic, N.C. in Rutherford County. Firefighters said early Monday the fire on the mountain is contained. Crews estimate at least 600 acres were scorched by the blaze, at least two

homes were destroyed and several other homes were damaged. Crews said winds up to 60 miles an hour pushed the fire quickly up the mountain. “It’s not a good time to burn,” said David Amrall from the North Carolina Forestry Commission. “We are still under a burning ban. There are very dry conditions. This is what happens when a fire gets started.” Fire investigators believe wind knocked down a power line, which started the blaze. The American Red Cross had set up an evacuation center at Sunshine Elementary School because some families are still not being allowed back on the mountain. Five families in Seneca, S.C. were forced to evacuate during a wildfire last night near their homes. Firefighters said a patch of kudzu behind a home caught fire and spread rapidly thanks to strong winds. The fire grew to about a quarter of a mile by 300 yards in size. “I have never seen (a fire) move as fast as this one did,” said Lt. David Wright from the Seneca Fire Department. “It didn’t look that big to us, but it had gotten way down a hill and we didn’t see it. It spread so fast you couldn’t even stop without it getting on the other side of the truck.” No homes were damaged in that fire. Three families in Simpsonville, S.C. were assessing damage to their homes after wildfire swept through the Jonesville Landing neighborhood. Fire crews were able to quickly get the blaze under control, but not before a few of the homes were damaged. “My son’s dog is the real hero because my son was sleeping and it woke him up and alerted him there was a fire outside,” said Debbie Ballarano from Simpsonville. The cause of that fire is unknown. A fast-moving fire burned more than 10 acres along Hester Store Road near Dacusville, S.C. Dacusville Fire Chief Charles Hamilton said the fire jumped a road and came within feet of several homes. Fire crews were able to put the fire out before it could damage any of those homes. Hamilton said a downed power line started that fire. Officials said high winds, low humidity and an ongoing drought fueled the wildfire hazard over the weekend.

March 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
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Description: Residents across the upstate were beginning the cleanup process following a powerful line of thunderstorms that rolled through the area on Tuesday afternoon. The worst of the damage was in Spartanburg County in a Greer subdivision. Some residents in the Brookdale Acres subdivision said they saw what appeared to be a tornado coming toward their neighborhood and heard a roaring sound. Doug Godfrey, one of the residents, said his family ran into a bathroom in their home to take shelter when they heard the storm coming. His home had windows blown out and his garage door was badly damaged. After the winds died down, several people were left with damaged roofs, windows blown out, downed power lines and uprooted trees. Some of the trees fell on cars, crushing them under their weight. Firefighters said about nine of the 32 homes in the subdivision have significant structural damage. Other homes were left with missing shingles and damaged siding. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service said they believe the damage was not caused by a tornado, but rather a downburst. They said officials will be in the area on Thursday to survey the damage and make a determination. In Campobello, a family’s home was destroyed after strong winds uprooted a tree and sent it crashing through the house. The woman said her grandchildren were in the home when the tree hit, but no one was injured. In Woodruff, a tree was blown over and landed on top of a vacant mobile home on Jamie’s Creek Drive off McArthur Street. The tree also knocked down power lines in the area, leaving seven homes in the dark. As of 9 a.m., Duke Energy reported 25 people were without power in Greenville County and only five people in Spartanburg County were without power. There was no immediate word on when their power would be restored.

March 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
March 10, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina [health](#) officials are posting signs near the Reedy River warning residents the water may not be safe. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control said several monitoring stations along the river found high levels of bacteria in the water. DHEC said the pollution came from leaking sewer pipes, overflowing sewers, failing septic systems, livestock waste and other runoff. The signs, written in both English and Spanish, will be posted over the next six to eight weeks. Reedy River Falls in downtown Greenville serves as a popular place for [swimming](#), sliding and wading.

March 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Officials at the National Weather Service in Columbia said that damage left behind after storms on Saturday was caused by a tornado. The official report released on Sunday rated the tornado as an EF-3 with winds between 136 and 165 mph. The weather service said initial reports of a tornado in the small Newberry County town came in around 4:40 p.m. on Saturday. Amateur radio operators reported roofs blown off houses and trees knocked down. Officials said the tornado had a path that was about a half-mile wide. Although one person was injured during the storm, residents said they are thankful no one was killed. "These trees were popping and falling and debris was flying," said Edward Harmon, a Prosperity resident. "Stuff came through this area that's not from this area and kept going." Newberry County Sheriff Lee Foster was in the town surveying the damage on Sunday. "I knew it was bad, but I didn't think it was this bad," said Foster as he looked at a pile of debris. Foster said the state of South Carolina has not offered much assistance, but said the town will be back on its feet one day. "We'll probably look to help ourselves," Foster said. "If FEMA comes and offers some assistance with finances, we'll certainly take that. But this is a small community and as in most cases in small communities, you have to fend for yourself." Foster credited the almost 15 minutes of advanced warning the town received about the approaching storm for saving lives. Officials said after whipping through Prosperity, the same storm caused tornado damage in Kershaw and Lee counties. Other tornadoes were reported in Franklin and Hart counties in Georgia and near Due West in northeast Abbeville County. Both twisters were rated as EF-0 with winds between 75 and 80 mp

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Description: Gov. Mark Sanford said residents in several South Carolina counties hit hard by weekend thunderstorms and tornadoes could be eligible for low interest loans. Sanford said in Elgin on Monday that Kershaw, Orangeburg and Berkeley Counties may be able to apply for the money after state officials assess the areas. Authorities said nearly 100 homes, mobile homes and businesses in this town about 25 miles northeast of Columbia were damaged in the storm. However, Sanford did not tour the most hardly hit area in the state, Prosperity in Newberry County. Officials there said residents may be able to apply for disaster assistance after the amount of damage is assessed. The National Weather Service confirmed at least eight tornadoes touched down in South Carolina over the weekend. Five were rated as the second-weakest on the scale for measuring tornadoes. The rest were the weakest. Two people were killed when the storms passed through Georgia.

March 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Forecasters said winds will be the main concern for most of the day, but rain and some severe storms will move in later. The National Weather Service issued a lake wind advisory for all of the upstate and mountains on Wednesday until 6 a.m. Thursday. They said winds are expected to increase to around 20 mph with gusts up to 40 mph. They said anyone on area lakes and waterways should use caution because of the winds causing rough chop. Forecasters said storms will become a larger concern than the wind by late Wednesday afternoon. A large storm system developing to the west will move east and bring with it a line of showers and thunderstorms, forecasters said. They said some of the storms could produce damaging winds and possibly an isolated tornado. The Storm Prediction Center has placed the entire region under a slight risk for severe weather. This is the lowest of three ratings on their forecasting scale.

March 24, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: The threat of a freeze early Tuesday morning has some peach farmers a bit nervous about the future of their crops. The National Weather Service issued a freeze warning for all of upstate South Carolina from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. Tuesday. They said temperatures are expected to drop just below freezing for a few hours just before sunrise. Forecasters said anyone who has plants outside should bring them indoors or take precautions to protect them from the cold weather. This most-recent late-season freeze comes after a freeze around Easter last year that damaged several peach crops across the state. The federal government stepped in and offered some relief to farmers affected by the late freeze. Clemson University horticulture professor Desmond Layne said peaches can take a light freeze, as long as temperatures don't drop into the 20s. Some farmers said other crops, such as strawberries, are easier to protect from a freeze than peaches.

March 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 25, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Peach farmers in western North Carolina and South Carolina experienced a cold snap early Tuesday morning, but at least one grower said his crop has not been affected. On Tuesday, Hendersonville farmer Wade Edney of Piney Mountain Orchard said his peach blooms were still tightly closed. Edney said his strawberry and apple crops were also unaffected. Frost was reported around the region Tuesday morning. Forecasters said the overnight low in Hendersonville was 25 degrees and 24 degrees in Asheville. A cold snap last April nearly wiped out the peach crop. In South Carolina, production was cut from 60,000 tons to about 8,000 ton. The National Weather Service said temperatures should rise this week, but a cold front is expected to move into the region late Saturday.

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**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED  
FIRST QUARTER 2008**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

January 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: North Carolina's gas tax has moved to the highest level allowed under state law. Drivers are now paying 30.15 cents per gallon in state taxes. The rate went up .2 cents per gallon on Tuesday as a portion of the tax is tied to rising and falling wholesale fuel prices. The tax would have gone even higher if state lawmakers and Gov. Mike Easley had not agreed last year to cap the tax. The gas tax is used for road improvements and transportation needs.

January 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Legislators said immigration reform will be one of their top priorities in the election-year session that starts next week. South Carolina lawmakers criticized Congress for failing to confront illegal immigration and passing on to states the cost of educating, treating, protecting and imprisoning people not in the United States legally. Although support for immigration reform in the state Legislature is bipartisan, it is not unanimous. Sen. Brad Hutto said tourism, which is the state's top industry, would shut down if all undocumented workers returned to their native country. The Orangeburg Democrat said lawmakers are making immigration a top priority because it is an election year.

January 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: South Carolina election officials said Sunday they still plan to use touch-screen voting machines despite the fact that other states have banned the use of similar systems made by the same company. Last month, top election officials in Ohio and Colorado declared that Election Systems and Software's iVotronic is unfit for elections. The ban was prompted by a study done for the state of Ohio in which researchers found that electronic voting systems could be corrupted with magnets or with handheld electronic devices, such as Treos. South Carolina Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said the commission has reviewed the report and remains confident in the machines' security and accuracy. However, the company that makes the machines said on its Web site that it disagrees with the Ohio report's technical findings.

January 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Gov. Mark Sanford's budget proposal puts an additional 50 state troopers on South Carolina roadways, hires 228 new prison guards and add \$50 million for land conservation. Despite those increases, the governor's \$6.8 billion spending plan



released Monday reduces state spending by \$326 million. The cuts include not rehiring employees in a retiree incentive program and undoing last year's expansion of the Children's Health [Insurance](#) Program. The Legislature last year overrode the governor's veto of the \$22 million expansion that covers roughly 70,000 low-income children. The governor again proposes increasing state cigarette taxes to pay for income tax cuts. He wants to increase those taxes by 30 cents per pack, to 37 cents, to give taxpayers the option of a flat income tax [rate](#).

January 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: House Republican leaders unveiled an immigration reform plan that would bill the federal government for the cost of detaining illegal immigrants. House Speaker Bobby Harrell told reporters in North Charleston on Monday that people all over South Carolina think something should be done to curb illegal immigration. Harrell said he thinks there are about 75,000 illegal immigrants in the state. Changes to the state's immigration laws have failed to pass the Legislature in recent years. The plan calls for the state to seek an agreement with the federal government to enforce immigration laws and be reimbursed for training officers and detaining illegal immigrants. The plan also makes illegal immigrants ineligible for most public benefits.

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Description: Republican presidential candidate Fred Thompson is campaigning in South Carolina on Tuesday. The former Tennessee senator doesn't expect to do well in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary and is concentrating on efforts in the Palmetto State. Thompson opened the effort Tuesday morning in Greenville and was scheduled to be in Lexington around noon, then on to Camden in the afternoon and Columbia Tuesday night. Some of Thompson's supporters said they're being pressured to switch candidates. Pickens Rep. David Hiott said he will be with Thompson "until the bitter end" of his presidential campaign. Thompson's supporters said his conservative credentials and foreign policy experience will gain traction before Republicans head to the polls in South Carolina on Jan. 19.

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Description: South Carolina lawmakers are back at work with an eye on dealing with immigration and state spending. Lawmakers said another priority is adding transparency to the budget by requiring names beside money requests. The public feud between the Republican-controlled Legislature and Republican Gov. Mark Sanford is likely to continue this year. Both House and Senate seats are up for re-election. U.S. Ambassador to Canada David Wilkins received a standing ovation at the House Republican Caucus meeting before the session started. Wilkins, a former South Carolina House speaker, left to become ambassador in the summer of 2005.

January 9, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 9, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Now that the first in the nation primary is over, the first in the South primary has grabbed the attention of some presidential candidates. Both John Edwards and Mike Huckabee were scheduled to make stops in the upstate on Wednesday. After finishing a distant third in New Hampshire, Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards was scheduled to visit Clemson University on Wednesday. The campaign stop will be held at the Military Heritage Plaza next to Tillman Hall at noon. Another New Hampshire third-placer, Mike Huckabee, was also scheduled to visit the upstate on Wednesday. The former Arkansas governor will be at the Marriott at Renaissance Park in Spartanburg around 12:30 p.m. Huckabee will then head to the Carolina Crisis Pregnancy Center at 3:30 p.m. and will wrap up the day with a rally at Furman University at 7 p.m. Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in Greenville on Tuesday, despite the New Hampshire primary. Thompson decided to skip New Hampshire to concentrate on the South Carolina Republican primary on Jan. 19. The South Carolina Democratic primary is set for Jan. 26.

January 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: The U.S. attorney for South Carolina, Reggie Lloyd, said he'll step down to become head of the State Law Enforcement Division. Gov. Mark Sanford is expected to make a formal announcement of his selection of Lloyd on Friday afternoon. Lloyd's appointment must be confirmed by the Senate. Lloyd was nominated as U.S. attorney by President George W. Bush in 2005 after being recommended by Sen. Lindsey Graham. He was the first black since Reconstruction to hold that position in South Carolina on a permanent basis. SLED Chief Robert Stewart resigned in November and started a consulting business. Stewart had run the agency for 20 years. Sanford picked Maj. Mark Keel to serve as interim leader after Stewart's retirement. Keel had been SLED's chief of staff. By law, the SLED chief also heads up the state's homeland security efforts

January 14, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: With only five days remaining until the Republican primary in South Carolina, Arizona Sen. John McCain picked up endorsements from two of the state's most popular newspapers. The Greenville News announced its endorsement of McCain in an editorial published on Sunday. The paper cited the senator's experience with foreign affairs and willingness to reach across the aisle to work with Democrats. The endorsement is important because The Greenville News is published in the heart of South Carolina's conservative upstate region. McCain also picked up a nod from The State newspaper in Columbia, the state's capital.

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Description: There was no shortage of presidential politicians traveling around South Carolina on Monday, just five days before the state's GOP primary. Republican and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson will spend time in the upstate on Monday. He's scheduled to be in Aiken, Greenwood and Simpsonville on Monday. Democrat and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards will spend his day on the coast, with stops scheduled in Pawleys Island and Myrtle Beach on Monday. South Carolina Republicans will head to the polls on Saturday. The state's Democrats will make their choice on Jan. 26.

January 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Republican presidential candidate Fred Thompson is staying in South Carolina on the day that Michigan voters go to the polls for their primary. The former Tennessee senator told a crowd at a restaurant in Spartanburg on Tuesday morning that picking the right judges is one of the most important duties of a president. Thompson said he would look for a person who would follow the laws and the Constitution instead of making up the law. He said selecting judges is the second most important job for the president, behind ensuring national security. Thompson has said South Carolina's Republican primary on Saturday is key to his presidential campaign. Thompson was also in South Carolina when New Hampshire voters went to the polls

January 16, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Mark Sanford was preparing for his sixth State of the State address to be delivered Wednesday night. The Republican governor will speak to a joint session of the Republican-majority General Assembly at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sanford was expected to ask legislators to raise the state's cigarette tax and use the money to cut income taxes. Sanford also wants lawmakers to set aside \$50 million toward land conservation, saying a dip in property values makes it a good time to preserve as much land as possible. The governor is expected to keep talking about some topics like reducing government spending. Sanford is serving his second term and must leave office in 2009.

January 17, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Wednesday's State of the State speech highlighted Gov. Mark Sanford's budget priorities. Last week, Sanford released a budget plan for 2008-09 that would reduce the state's current budget by \$326 million, to \$6.8 billion. Legislative budget writers use the spending plan as a guide. The budget's would put an additional 50 state troopers on South Carolina roadways and hire 228 new prison guards. Its largest single-item savings comes from cutting health coverage for about 70,000 low-income children. Undoing the expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program approved last year would save \$22 million. Sanford's idea drew immediate criticism from advocates of the plan, which is aimed at covering children of parents who make too much money for Medicaid but still lack insurance. Sanford called the expansion a laudable goal, but said the cost of Medicaid already is skyrocketing, and the higher-earning patients should have to make limited co-payments

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Automated phone polls disparaging rivals of Republican White House hopeful Mike Huckabee have started in South Carolina. The group making the calls is Colorado-based Common Sense Issues and the executive director said he wants to make a million calls by Friday. Huckabee's campaign quickly disavowed the push polling and Common Sense executive director Patrick Davis said his group is not affiliated with the former Arkansas governor. Davis said his group is backing Huckabee because of his views on issues including a strong defense and cutting taxes.

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Description: A new South Carolina poll showed John McCain and Mike Huckabee are leading in the race for the Republican presidential nomination. Republican voters in the Palmetto State go to the polls on Saturday. The telephone poll was conducted Monday through Wednesday for MSNBC and McClatchy Newspapers by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research. It showed the Arizona senator with the support of 27 percent of those questioned. The former Arkansas governor was right behind at 25 percent. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney was at 15 percent. Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was at 13 percent. Ron Paul was at 6 percent and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was at 5 percent.

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Description: A former Republican National Committee member challenging South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham has released a television ad that calls Graham "too liberal." The ad by Lexington orthodontist Buddy Witherspoon criticized Graham for pushing a failed immigration proposal. Graham's campaign manager, Scott Farmer, said the senator is a strong conservative who has fought to defeat radical Islamic terrorists. Farmer said Graham also played a key role in the confirmation of U.S. Supreme Court Justices John Roberts and Samuel Alito. Graham has campaigned with Arizona Sen. John McCain, who also backed the failed immigration reform bill. Witherspoon's campaign manager said the ad will run on various cable news networks through Saturday. Witherspoon and Graham will meet in the June primary.

January 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Some voters along South Carolina's coast faced an additional obstacle besides the worsening weather on Saturday. State election officials said that some electronic voting machines in Horry County malfunctioned. Some Horry County voters had to use paper ballots to cast their votes, according to state Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire. Whitmire said a final testing step that resets a machine voting was not done, which prevents the machines from starting up. Voters in other parts of the state faced cold rain and forecasts of snow across the northern parts of the state. Whitmire described turnout as light, although some northern areas reported steady turnout because of the conditions to come. Polls in South Carolina close at 7 p.m. Saturday.

January 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Arizona Sen. John McCain has won South Carolina's Republican primary. Saying "we've got a long way to go," McCain told The Associated Press he believes the victory will help him next week when Florida votes and on Feb. 5 when more than two dozen states hold primaries and caucuses. In a close race, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee came in second, just a few points behind McCain. McCain came out on top Saturday night in the state that snuffed out his presidential hopes eight years ago. The Arizonan was gaining 33

percent of the vote to just under 30 percent for his closest rival. "It just took us a while. That's all. Eight years is not a long time," McCain told The Associated Press. Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in a struggle for third place with about 16 percent, after saying he needed a strong showing to sustain his candidacy. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for complete You Decide 2008 coverage as the results start coming in at 7 p.m. Watch for a special election edition of The Ten O'Clock News.

January 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: With the Republican primary over, South Carolina's attention turned to the Democratic primary this Saturday. Most of the top Democratic contenders for the White House have scheduled stump stops all across the Palmetto State this week. Democrats said they are hoping for a larger turnout than the nearly 20 percent turnout for the Republican primary. The state Election Commission said more than 437,000 people out of the state's more than 2.25 million registered voters braved chilly, wet weather to make their picks. Pickens, Greenville and Lexington counties had the top rates, with all seeing more than 26 percent of registered voters turn out. In 2000, more than 26 percent of the state's registered voters cast ballots in the GOP primary. Vo do not register by party in South Carolina and can participate in either party's contest, but not both.

January 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama clashed bitterly Monday over Bill Clinton's role in his wife's campaign and Obama's recent comments for Republicans in a presidential debate five days before the pivotal South Carolina primary. After a brief discussion of the nation's economic woes, the debate devolved into an angry exchange between the two senators, with Clinton noting Obama had taken campaign contributions from a political patron facing fraud charges and Obama calling Clinton a "corporate lawyer sitting on the board of Wal-Mart." Clinton and Obama's testy exchange after Obama defended his comments about Republican ideas and Ronald Reagan: "You talked about admiring Ronald Reagan," Clinton said. After back-and-forth jousting between the two and the moderator, Obama said, "You just said that I complimented the Republican ideas. That is not true." "What I said was that Ronald Reagan was a transformative political figure because he was able to get Democrats to vote against their economic interests to form a majority to push through their agenda, an agenda that I objected to. Because while I was working on those streets watching those folks see their jobs shift overseas, you were a corporate lawyer sitting on the board at Wal-Mart," Obama said. "So I want to be clear. What I said had nothing to do with their policies. I spent a lifetime fighting -- a lifetime -- against Ronald Reagan's policies. But what I did say is that we have to be thinking in the same transformative way about our Democratic agenda. We've got to appeal to independents and Republicans in order to build a working majority to move an agenda forward. That is what I said," he added. "The irony of this is that you provided much more fulsome praise of Ronald Reagan in a book by Tom Brokaw that's being published right now, as did -- as did Bill Clinton in the past." John Edwards, who badly trails his two rivals, tried to stay above the fray while pleading for equal time. "Are there three people in this debate, not two?" he asked. "We have got to understand, this is not about us personally. It's about what we are trying to do for this country," Edwards said to applause from the audience. Often speaking over each other, Obama and Clinton clashed over their legislative records. Obama questioned why the New York senator had voted for a bankruptcy bill that she later said she was glad hadn't passed, and Clinton criticized Obama for voting "present" on dozens of occasions while a member of the Illinois legislature. "Senator Obama, it's hard to have a straight up debate with you because you never take responsibility for any vote," Clinton said to loud boos. "On issue after issue, you voted present ... Whenever someone raises that, there's always some sort of explanation." Obama accused Clinton of playing dirty and saying anything to get elected, while Edwards joined Clinton in criticizing Obama for the "present" votes. Clinton and Obama called for tax rebates for individuals to help with home heating and other short-term needs. But Obama claimed he was first with the idea, saying Clinton had "caught up" with him. Edwards tried to make a distinction by pointing out that Clinton and Obama supported a trade deal with Peru. "South Carolina has been devastated by NAFTA and trade deals," Edwards said. Obama responded by criticizing Edwards for voting for permanent trade relations with China and struck out at Clinton for saying last year that NAFTA has been boon to the economy. "I think it's been devastating," Obama said. South Carolina holds its primary Saturday. The two-hour debate was sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Institute and CNN.

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Description: The Democratic presidential contenders spoke warmly of Martin Luther King Jr. -- and sometimes of each other, too -- on Monday's national holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader. In a ceremony on the steps of the state Capitol, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards addressed an annual King Day rally sponsored by the NAACP. Five days before South Carolina's primary, the first this year in which black voters will play a significant role, thousands of people stood shivering in the cold to hear the speeches. Many held signs in support of one or another of the candidates. Obama won the loudest and most enthusiastic reception, but Clinton and Edwards were also warmly welcomed. Polls show the Illinois senator leading the field in South Carolina, a state he needs to win to remain a co-frontrunner with Clinton after losing contests in Nevada and New Hampshire. Edwards has also staked his fading hopes on South Carolina, the state where he was born and whose primary he won in 2004. Clinton is focusing her efforts elsewhere. While her campaign has invested significant resources in South Carolina, the New York senator plans to spend most of the week campaigning in states holding contests on Feb. 5, including California, New Mexico and New Jersey. She is to return to South Carolina Friday. Bill Clinton, who is popular among black voters, is to spend most of the week campaigning for his wife here. At the rally, Obama acknowledged his "outstanding competitors" but also bemoaned the divisiveness he says has tainted the presidential contest. "Every day our politics fuels and exploits divisions across races and region, across gender and party," he said. "It's played out on television, it's sensationalized in the media, and it's crept into the presidential campaign in a way that serves to obscure the issues." Clinton recalled hearing King speak in Chicago when she was a teenager, and implored voters to realize his vision of racial and economic equality by voting in Saturday's primary. "The dream is nowhere fulfilled," she said. "Now we are called to rise up, speak up and finally get it done." Clinton and Edwards both also praised Obama's pioneering candidacy. "To be able to be on the stage in my native state with an extraordinary and talented young man who's running for the presidency of the United States and is African-American makes me so proud of my state," Edwards said. The three candidates were meeting later in a nationally televised debate in Myrtle Beach. The morning began with a six-block march to the Capitol. All three candidates had been expected to participate, but Clinton and Edwards missed it. Obama was loudly cheered as he made his way through the crowd.

January 23, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Legislation intended to curb illegal immigration in South Carolina has moved to the House floor. The House Judiciary Committee passed the bill Tuesday after three hours of debate, largely on technical wording. The bill requires employers to check the legal status of their workers, bar illegal adults from public assistance, outlaw sanctuary cities, and make it a felony to help someone into the country or avoid detection. House leaders said their bill is more comprehensive than a similar Senate bill, passed by that chamber last year. Leaders expect the House to debate its bill on the floor next week.

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Description: The South Carolina Supreme Court is considering a case of an Anderson County Council member suing the county administrator to get information on the county's legal fees. Councilwoman Cindy Wilson asked four years ago how much the county was paying in legal fees and what services were provided. The justices on Wednesday seemed to question if they should be considering the case between Wilson and Anderson County Administrator Joey Preston. Chief Justice Jean Toal said the court is not supposed to involve itself in legislative squabbles. The County Council voted in 2004 to deny Wilson access to information protected under attorney-client privilege. Preston's attorney, Randy Moody, said his client was simply following the council's orders. A judge had rejected Wilson's request in 2006.

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Description: Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards said Thursday he would have responded faster to the nation's economic problems if he had been president. Edwards told about 200 people in Spartanburg that the Bush administration should have started work sooner on efforts to minimize the economic downturn. The former North Carolina senator also took shots at his Democratic rivals, repeating earlier criticism of the sniping between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama during a debate in Myrtle Beach on Monday. Edwards told the crowd he was proud to represent what he called "the grown-up wing" of the Democratic Party. Actors Danny Glover and Madeline Stowe appeared with Edwards but did not speak. He also made stops on Thursday in Laurens, Greenwood, Anderson and Seneca, where he was born.

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Description: Another South Carolina newspaper is endorsing Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. Wednesday's endorsement by The Greenville News means the Illinois senator has the backing of two of the state's largest newspapers. The newspaper said New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has slightly more experience and that she is also qualified to lead the country. But the newspaper said that whatever positive attributes Clinton brings to the White House, she would continue the country's politics of division. The State newspaper of Columbia endorsed Obama on Tuesday. The Post and Courier of Charleston has yet to make an endorsement in advance of Saturday's Democratic primary. All three newspapers endorsed Arizona Sen. John McCain before his GOP primary win in South Carolina last week.

January 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: With only one day to go until the South Carolina Democratic primary, all three of the top Democratic contenders are making a last-minute push for votes. Former first lady and New York Sen. Hillary Clinton will be in Columbia on Friday morning to hold a town hall meeting at Benedict College. From there she will travel to Rock Hill and then out to the coast in Charleston. Clinton has been defending her husband's increasingly vocal role in her campaign in recent days. She said she's in a very heated campaign and people are saying all kinds of things. Clinton told The Associated Press in Greenville on Thursday that she's making a positive case for her candidacy every day. She said many other wonderful people, including her husband, are helping. Clinton told an audience at Furman University Thursday that President George W. Bush has been wrong to take a hands-off approach to the nation's economic problems. She also said the nation needs a president who will solve the problems, not talk about them. Clinton said immediate steps are needed to address the problems in the housing industry. Former North Carolina senator and Seneca native John Edwards will be criss-crossing the state, as well. Edwards started Friday at the Country Ham House in Greenville. From there it's off to Columbia, Orangeburg and Charleston. Edwards also criticized the Bush administration for its handling of the economy. Edwards told reporters in Laurens Thursday that people in Washington don't understand what's happening in South Carolina and other places around the country. The Republican National Committee said Edwards is simply trying to revive a flagging campaign. Edwards said his economic plan is better than ideas from either Clinton or Barack Obama because of his upbringing in small towns in South and North Carolina. Edwards told supporters he was first with a plan to help rural America because he's from rural America. Illinois Sen. Barack Obama started his day in Columbia. Then he's scheduled to stop at Clemson University for a "Stand For Change" rally at the Outdoor Amphitheater. Then he will head to Florence and end the day back in Columbia. Obama has suggested rival Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted to make good judgments on national security and military matters because of her Iraq war vote. Obama told supporters in Beaufort on Thursday that Clinton is trying to rewrite history by saying her 2002 vote authorizing military intervention in Iraq was not really a vote for war. He said Clinton voted after failing to read national intelligence estimates that questioned the justification for ousting Saddam Hussein. Obama publicly opposed the invasion while a member of the Illinois Senate. Clinton has said her vote was intended to strengthen Bush's hand in building international pressure against Hussein, not to approve an invasion. Democrats head to the polls in South Carolina on Saturday. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 pm.

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Description: South Carolina's Election Commission said the primary is running "smoothly" as Democrats cast their ballots for their presidential picks. The voting did not slow the campaigning. Barack Obama spent Saturday morning greeting people at a predominantly black Baptist church and at historically black Benedict College in Columbia. Later, he surprised lunch-goers at Harper's restaurant. Rival Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter greeted voters Saturday morning at a Shoney's restaurant in Columbia. Clinton chatted with patrons who weren't expecting to have their breakfast interrupted by a presidential candidate and a huge media horde. Her husband, at a separate diner stop, took an opportunity to jab at Obama, mocking his emphasis of change over experience. The former president said the logic amounts to saying, "Since a hundred percent of medical malpractice is committed by doctors, next time you need surgery, go to an electrician." South Carolina native and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards was hoping the bickering between Clinton and Obama will pay off in votes for his campaign.

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Description: Barack Obama has routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the racially-charged South Carolina Democratic primary, the Associated Press said Saturday night. Obama has regained campaign momentum in the prelude to a Feb. 5 coast-to-coast competition for more than 1,600 Democratic National Convention delegates. Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina is running third, a sharp setback in the state where he was born and scored a primary victory in his first presidential campaign four years ago. The Associated Press made its call based on surveys of voters as they left the polls. About half the voters were black, and four out of five of them supported Obama. Black women turned out in particularly large numbers. Clinton and Edwards each won roughly 40 percent of the white vote, with about 25 percent going to Obama. The victory was Obama's first since he won the kick-off Iowa caucuses. Clinton scored an upset in the New Hampshire primary a few days later. They split the Nevada caucuses, she winning the turnout race, he gaining a one-delegate margin.

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Description: Democrat Barack Obama said his landslide win in South Carolina's presidential primary marks a turn in party history. Obama said it shows a black candidate can appeal to voters of all colors and in all regions. The Illinois senator was responding to comments by former President Bill Clinton that some interpreted as an effort to diminish Obama's win Saturday over Hillary Rodham Clinton. Bill Clinton noted that Jesse Jackson won the South Carolina primary in 1984 and 1988. Jackson never became the party's presidential nominee. Obama resisted being drawn into a spat with the Clintons, even though he suggested they are part of a political past the country is ready to leave behind.

January 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Democrat John Edwards is exiting the presidential race Wednesday, ending a scrappy underdog bid in which he steered his rivals toward progressive ideals while grappling with family hardship that roused voters' sympathies but never diverted his campaign, The Associated Press has learned. The two-time White House candidate notified a close circle of senior advisors that he planned to make the announcement at a 1 p.m. EST event in New Orleans that had been billed as a speech on poverty, according to two of his advisors. The decision came after Edwards lost the four states to hold nominating contests so far to rivals who stole the spotlight from the beginning -- Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. The former North Carolina senator will not immediately endorse either candidate in what is now a two-person race for the Democratic nomination, said one advisor, who spoke on a condition of anonymity in advance of the announcement. Edwards waged a spirited top-tier campaign against the two better-funded rivals, even as he dealt with the stunning blow of his wife's recurring cancer diagnosis. In a dramatic news conference last March, the couple announced that the breast cancer that she thought she had beaten had returned, but they would continue the campaign. Their decision sparked a debate about family duty and public service. But Elizabeth Edwards remained a forceful advocate for her husband, and she was often surrounded at campaign events by well-wishers and emotional survivors cheering her on. Edwards planned to announce his campaign was ending with his wife and three children at his side. Then he planned to work with Habitat for Humanity at the volunteer-fueled rebuilding project Musicians' Village, the adviser said. With that, Edwards' campaign will end the way it began 13 months ago -- with the candidate pitching in to rebuild lives in a city still ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Edwards embraced New Orleans as a glaring symbol of what he described as a Washington that didn't hear the cries of the downtrodden. Edwards burst out of the starting

gate with a flurry of progressive policy ideas -- he was the first to offer a plan for universal health care, the first to call on Congress to pull funding for the war, and he led the charge that lobbyists have too much power in Washington and need to be reigned in. The ideas were all bold and new for Edwards personally as well, making him a different candidate than the moderate Southerner who ran in 2004 while still in his first Senate term. But the themes were eventually adopted by other Democratic presidential candidates -- and even a Republican, Mitt Romney, echoed the call for an end to special interest politics in Washington. Edwards' rise to prominence in politics came amid just one term representing North Carolina in the Senate after a career as a trial attorney that made him millions. He was on Al Gore's short list for vice president in 2000 after serving just two years in office. He ran for president in 2004, and after he lost to John Kerry, the nominee picked him as a running mate. Elizabeth Edwards first discovered a lump in her breast in the final days of that losing campaign. Her battle against the disease caused her husband to open up about another tragedy in their lives -- the death of their teenage son Wade in a 1996 car accident. The candidate barely spoke of Wade during his 2004 campaign, but he offered his son's death to answer questions about how he could persevere when his wife could die. Edwards made poverty the signature issue of both his presidential campaigns, and he led a four-day tour to highlight the issue in July. The tour, the first to focus on the plight of the poor since Robert F. Kennedy's trip 40 years earlier, also was an effort to remind voters that a rich man can care about the less fortunate. It came as Edwards was dogged by negative coverage of his personal wealth, including his construction of a 28,000-square-foot house, his work for a hedge fund that advised the super-rich and \$400 haircuts. But even through the dark days of summer and as Obama and Clinton collected astonishing amounts of money that dwarfed his fundraising effort, Edwards maintained a loyal following in the first voting state of Iowa that made him a serious contender. He came in second to Obama in Iowa, an impressive feat of relegating Clinton to third place, before coming in third in the following three contests. The loss in South Carolina was especially hard because it was where he was born and he had won the state in 2004. But Edwards performed well enough to pick up 58 delegates.

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Description: Sen. John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida Republican primary Tuesday, and before the night was out, rival Rudy Giuliani prepared to quit the race and endorse the Arizona senator. Our victory might not have reached landslide proportions, but it is sweet nonetheless," McCain said. "Tonight, my friends, we celebrate. Tomorrow it's back to work. We have a ways to go, but we are getting close." "It shows one thing: I'm the conservative leader who can unite the party," the Arizona senator said in a brief interview with AP. "It's a very significant boost, but I think we've got a tough week ahead and a lot of states to come." Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney came in second. Giuliani was third, and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee placed fourth. Romney and Huckabee vowed to fight on. Asked directly if he was dropping out of the race, Giuliani said only: "I'm going to California." Republican presidential candidates are scheduled to debate in Simi Valley Wednesday night. "The responsibility of leadership doesn't end with a single campaign, it goes on and you continue to fight for it," Giuliani said Tuesday night, as supporters with tight smiles crowded behind him. "We ran a campaign that was uplifting." Tuesday's result was a remarkable collapse for Giuliani. Last year, he occupied the top of national polls and seemed destined to turn conventional wisdom on end by running as a moderate Republican who supported abortion rights, gay rights and gun control. The results seriously decimated Giuliani's unconventional strategy, which relied heavily on Florida to launch him into the coast-to-coast Feb. 5 nominating contests. He largely bypassed the early voting states, figuring that the early states would produce multiple winners and no front-runner. But Florida proved to be less than hospitable. The state's top two Republicans -- Sen. Mel Martinez and Gov. Charlie Crist -- endorsed McCain. And Giuliani, who once led in state polls, saw his support swiftly erode. Clinton Wins Democratic Race; No Delegates Counted: While the Republicans fought for Florida's 57 delegates, Hillary Clinton won a Democratic event that drew no campaigning by any of her rivals and awarded no delegates. Last year, the national party stripped Florida of its 185 delegates after it moved its primary ahead of Feb. 5. The Democratic National Committee's move may be reversed at its party convention later this year in Denver. Clinton is engaged in an effort to try and get the delegates seated. "I could not come here in person to ask you for your votes, but I am here to thank you for your votes today," she said. "This has been a record turnout because Floridians wanted their voices to be heard. I promise you I will do everything I can to make sure not only are Florida's Democratic delegates seated but Florida is in the winning column for the Democrats in 2008." Obama said he would abide by the party's agreement. "Those decisions will be made after the nomination, not before," Obama told reporters Tuesday on a plane from Washington to Kansas. "Obviously, I care a lot about the people in Michigan and a lot about the people in Florida. And I want their votes in the general election. We'll be actively campaigning for them." Michigan also violated party rules by moving its primary to Jan. 15, and party leaders voted to strip the state of its 156 delegates as punishment. Exit Polling Detailed: According to preliminary data from exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks in the Florida presidential primary Tuesday. Florida Republicans split based on ideology, with McCain winning 4 in 10 moderates and Romney winning 4 in 10 conservatives. McCain won among independents but couldn't beat Romney among Republicans. About one in five Republicans cited illegal immigration as the biggest problem facing the country, and they voted strongly for Romney. The mostly non-Hispanic, white electorate favored deporting illegal immigrants to their country of origin by a 4-to-10 margin. McCain, who co-sponsored a failed bipartisan immigration bill that was criticized by many Republicans as too lenient, was supported by half of Hispanic voters. Republicans divided on the abortion issue, with 6 in 10 anti-abortion Republicans supporting Romney and Huckabee, and about the same proportion of abortion-



rights Republicans supporting McCain and Giuliani. About one-third of Republicans in Florida said they had negative feelings about the Bush administration, including almost 1 in 10 who said they were angry at Bush. McCain won among Republicans who look negatively at the Bush years, and Romney wins among the majority of Republicans who look fondly upon the Bush administration. Given four choices, nearly half of Florida Republican primary voters said the economy is the most important issue facing the country. Terrorism, Iraq and immigration each were picked by fewer than two in 10. McCain and Romney split the votes of Republican voters most concerned about the economy, with each getting more than one-third of their support. Senior citizens were the largest age group voting in the Republican primary, and they supported McCain over Romney by almost a 10-point margin. McCain is 71, and his 95-year-old mother has joined him on the campaign trail.

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Description: A South Carolina lawmaker said underage military servicemen and women should be allowed to drink alcohol. Rep. Fletcher Smith has sponsored legislation that would allow alcohol purchases if service members younger than 21 show a military identification card to a bartender or store clerk. State law prohibits the sale or possession of alcoholic beverages by anyone under 21. Changing the law would cause South Carolina to lose federal highway money. South Carolina raised the drinking age from 18 to 21 to comply with federal law in 1984. Safety advocates oppose the Greenville Democrat's bill. They said many studies show that giving alcohol to people younger than 21 does not make life safer for the military, nor for others on the nation's highways.

January 30, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Legislation that supporters said will clamp down on illegal immigration in South Carolina received key approval in the House on Wednesday. The proposal would require businesses to check the status of their employees through a federal verification program. It would also forbid illegal immigrants from attending public colleges in South Carolina and create a felony for helping an illegal worker into the state or avoid detection. The bill requires another mostly routine reading in the House before it heads to the Senate. That chamber passed a similar proposal last year. Critics said the bill does nothing to curtail illegal immigration. Rep. Joe Neal said it actually makes it easier for businesses to employ illegal workers because the penalties are so lenient.

February 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Senators this week will consider legislation meant to get tougher on drunken drivers in South Carolina. Mothers Against Drunk Driving ranks South Carolina as second-worst in the nation for DUI deaths. More than 40 percent of traffic deaths in 2006 involved drunken drivers. The nonprofit blames the ranking on significant loopholes in the law. That includes a requirement that DUI suspects be read their rights multiple times during an arrest. Legislation passed by the House last year would delete the mandate for multiple Miranda readings. It would also create a tiered penalty system based on a driver's blood-alcohol content and suspend for one year the license of someone who refuses to take a breath test. That's up from the current six month suspension. A Senate subcommittee is set to vote on the legislation Tuesday.

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Description: A state senator is pushing a bill to require candidates for public office to submit to drug testing. Senate Republican Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney offered the bill a day after news broke that former state Treasurer Thomas Ravenel had been indicted on a federal cocaine conspiracy charge. The June indictment came just six months after the Republican Charleston real estate developer took office. Ravenel pleaded guilty in September to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and faces up to 20 years in prison. However, a constitutional law expert at the University of South Carolina, Thomas Crocker, said the Supreme Court says only the Constitution can set limits on what people must do to hold elective office.

February 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Legislators have elected Court of Appeals Judge John Kittredge to South Carolina's Supreme Court. Kittredge was the only candidate in Wednesday's election. The 51-year-old Greenville native will succeed retiring Supreme Court Justice James Moore, who is set to retire this summer. Appellate Court Chief Judge Kaye Hearn of Conway and Circuit Court Judge John Few of Greenville had withdrawn from the race. Legislators also elected Family Court Judge Aphrodite Konduros of Greenville to fill a Court of Appeals seat left vacant when Judge Don Beatty was elected to the Supreme Court last year. Legislators also filled 13 other judicial seats. Only one was contested. South Carolina is the only state where legislators alone select judges.

February 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A bill to help small businesses in South Carolina offer their employees health insurance is on its way to the governor's desk. The bill allows a group of at least ten small businesses to join together and negotiate cheaper insurance rates than an individual business. A spokesman for Governor Mark Sanford said the bill will be signed into law. Current state law allows businesses to join together for health insurance but sets a minimum of 1,000 total employees. The new law does not set a minimum number of employees.

February 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A House panel has approved a bill that limits where sex offenders convicted of crimes involving children can live. The bill prevents child sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school, day care, recreation facility or playground. The bill now goes to the House Judiciary Committee. Columbia Representative Joan Brady said she doesn't want South Carolina to become a welcome mat for sex offenders in Georgia, which has a similar law. Sumter Rep. Murrell Smith said the bill targets those who commit specific crimes, including first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. South Carolina would join a growing list of states passing laws restricting where sex offenders can live. At least a dozen other states have passed similar laws recently.

February 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A Senate finance subcommittee met briefly Thursday to talk about a plan that would raise the state's cigarette tax. Senators discussed proposals to raise nation's lowest tax of 7 cents a pack to as much as 57 cents. That would raise about \$160 million. However, Sen. Thomas Alexander said the committee hasn't settled on the amount of the increase or how specifically to spend the money. The Senate has given the panel two more weeks to come up with a final proposal. Some supporters of the increase want the money used for health care programs, while Gov. Mark Sanford wants to raise the cigarette tax by 30 cents so taxpayers could choose a flat income tax if they wish.

February 19, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford signed a bill that gives small businesses another way to offer their employees health insurance. The Republican governor signed the bill into law Tuesday at a Columbia tire and auto service shop. Sanford said the new law is another way to help make health insurance more affordable. It allows a group of at least 10 small businesses to join together and negotiate cheaper insurance rates than an individual business. Previous state law had allowed businesses to join together for health insurance but set a minimum of 1,000 total employees. According to the state Insurance Department, no such cooperation exists. The new law removes the minimum number of employees but adds a minimum number of businesses.

February 20, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: The Senate has agreed to tougher restrictions on payday loans. The bill requires lenders to check a borrower database and places a \$500 limit on loans. It also bans multiple loans in a seven-day period. Spartanburg Sen. John Hawkins spent more than an hour on Tuesday calling for a ban, saying the state can never contain the industry. Fountain Inn Sen. David Thomas said payday lenders provide a needed service. Spartanburg-based Advance America Cash Centers spokesman Jamie Fulmer said the industry is willing to work for more protection for consumers. The company wants to avoid bans now in place in North Carolina and Georgia. The bill also would double the licensing fees for payday lenders. The Senate has to vote on the bill one more time before it goes to the House.

February 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 28, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The House is expected to consider a measure on Wednesday that would allow voters to decide in November whether to have the governor and lieutenant governor candidates run together. The resolution would also allow voters to decide if governors should appoint the adjutant general. South Carolina is the only state that elects its head of the National Guard. Gov. Mark Sanford and some legislators want fewer statewide elected positions. The proposed constitutional amendment would require two-thirds votes in the House and Senate to get on the ballot.

March 3, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: State senators said Monday they are willing to wait for a compromise to raise the state's lowest-in-the-nation cigarette tax. State Sen. Thomas Alexander said a Senate panel is considering adding 45 cents per pack to the current seven cents tax. Alexander said the extra money would go to health care. One idea gaining momentum is using the extra revenue for tax credits to buy health policies. Supporters said it would help businesses and individuals afford the costly coverage. However, Senate Minority Leader John Land said lawmakers should first make sure all the state's children have health care insurance. Some children currently without it could be covered by an expansion of the existing federal-state children's health insurance program run through Medicaid

March 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 5, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A new study said Utah, Virginia and Washington state have the most effective state governments. South Carolina got a B- in the report released Monday by the Pew Center on the States. That was the national average score. The center ranks states on how well they manage budgets, staff, infrastructure and information. The report said South Carolina's governor can't do much without legislative cooperation and lacks direct control of many state agencies. It said the governor and lawmakers have disagreed on almost everything. The report also cited problems at the Transportation Department that prompted a power struggle between Gov. Mark Sanford and the Legislature last year. Gubernatorial spokesman Joel Sawyer said the report supports what Sanford has been saying for years

March 5, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: The chairwoman of the South Carolina Democratic Party said Wednesday she is backing Barack Obama. Carol Fowler is a superdelegate. She said she decided last week to back the candidate with the best potential for winning in November. Fowler said Obama has demonstrated the ability by turning out new voters and winning in conservative states like South Carolina. Fowler's husband also is a superdelegate. Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Don Fowler has endorsed Hillary Clinton. He joked his wife has made a mistake in judgment. Two other South Carolina superdelegates are split, with Waring Howe supporting Obama and Marva Smalls pulling for Clinton. Four other superdelegates have not said whom they will support.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 6, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A Senate subcommittee has recommended that another panel take a look at new efforts to define the border between North Carolina and South Carolina. A 54-mile hilly stretch of the border has been examined using satellites and GPS receivers, driving stakes in the ground with aluminum circles to mark the coordinates. The boundary was drawn in 1815 and marked with trees and stones, some with "NC" or "SC" inscribed on them. Some of those markers have been missing for years. North Carolina and South Carolina are sharing the work, with each state then verifying the other states' work. Gary Thompson is a North Carolina representative on the boundary commission. He said officials hope to have the work finished in the next two years.

March 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford is endorsing John McCain. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said the governor all along had said he would support the Republican Party's nominee. Sawyer said that Sanford thinks McCain will make a great president. Sanford had been a state co-chairman of McCain's 2000 campaign in South Carolina. This time around, he kept his preferences to himself before and after the first-in-the-South primary on Jan. 19.

March 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Anyone registering to vote in South Carolina would have to show a passport, birth certificate or naturalization documents under a bill being pushed by Republican lawmakers. Supporters of the bill said it will protect elections by ensuring illegal immigrants or other non-citizens cannot cast a ballot. Critics said the bill is just a GOP move to hassle people who might vote for Democrats. The measure would apply only to people registering after it becomes law, not voters already on the rolls. Representative Alan Clemmons said it shouldn't be too difficult for people registering to produce a birth certificate. Democrats said older residents or those in rural areas are less likely to have a birth certificate. Arizona has a law that is similar to the bill being considered in South Carolina.

March 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 11, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The controversy over whether or not to keep the West Pelzer Police Department has been resolved. A meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday night at the town's fire station. A large crowd consisting of concerned residents, the mayor and the entire council attended the meeting. Several people addressed the council during the meeting. All spoke in favor of keeping the police department operating. "If one of my family gets robbed or attacked," said Richard Black, a West Pelzer resident, "I will hold each member of the council who voted for this responsible." The heated meeting came after a surprise 3-2 vote in February to dissolve the town's police department. Councilman Joe Turner introduced the ordinance during the February meeting, and presented the same motion at Monday's meeting. This time, no one voted to second his motion. The town's attorney said that means the police department will stay. Another ordinance, requiring a public vote if the council decided to eliminate a city department in the future, passed the first reading on Monday night. The second reading on that ordinance will happen at April's council meeting.

March 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: South Carolina's governor and attorney general are considering legal action because a deadline looms for the state to comply with new federal security standards for driver's licenses. Gov. Mark Sanford's staff has begun talking with Attorney General Henry McMaster about a possible lawsuit. No decision has been made. South Carolina has until March 31 to seek an extension to comply with a 2005 law known as Real ID. It was created in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The Department of Homeland Security is warning states that don't seek an extension that their citizens will no longer be able to use their driver's licenses as valid ID to board airplanes or enter federal buildings. Such travelers would instead have to present a passport or be subjected to a secondary screening.

March 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 26, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A bill allowing liquor sales on Election Day is moving to the Senate floor. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the legislation on Tuesday with a 16-0 vote. Sen. Greg Gregory said the law was on the books because polling places in the past were in the same places that sold liquor. Now, the Lancaster Republican said, restaurants and bars are open on voting day but cannot sell liquor. He said the change will also mean more money for the state. The Senate bill now moves to the floor for consideration.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gov. Mark Sanford said Monday that state law prevents the state from complying with any form of Real ID. Sanford said he is asking the federal government to not treat the citizens of South Carolina any differently from other states that have laws on their books preventing the implementation of a national ID card program. In a letter to the Department of Homeland Security, Sanford pointed out the state's laws. He asked the federal government to not inconvenience South Carolinians who fly or enter federal buildings. He said the state's driver's licenses are already some of the most secure in the country. "At the end of the day, I'm duty-bound to uphold the laws of our state, which right now say we can't comply with Real ID," Sanford said. Sanford said the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has already met roughly 90 percent of the benchmarks laid out by the federal government has laid out. Sanford said compliance with Real ID would cost the state \$116 million over 10 years and mean wait times of up to two hours at the DMV. "We think the state legislature did the right thing last year when it said no to Real ID," Sanford said. Sanford said he will continue working with Homeland Security to keep this law from negatively impacting South Carolina. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: All six of South Carolina's congressmen are running for re-election this year, and all six will face challengers. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham also is up for re-election and will face challengers in both the Republican primary and the general election. Filing for this year's elections ended on Sunday. Graham is seeking his second term. He will face Buddy Witherspoon in the June 10 Republican primary. Democrats Michael Cone and Bob Conley also are running. The general election is Nov. 4. While all six of the state's congressmen face challengers, none of the races will be repeats as all the major party losers in the general election of 2006 did not file to run for Congress again.

March 31, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 31, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina legislators have agreed to lower the state's minimum age to own and sell handguns to 18. Gov. Mark Sanford has not decided what he'll do with the bill that lowers the age limit from 21. The National Rifle Association said South Carolina is one of 18 states that require handgun owners to be 21 or older. There is no minimum age in South Carolina

for owning rifles or shotguns. State Rep. Mike Pitts filed the bill. Pitts said 18-year-olds can join the military and defend others' rights to own guns, so they should be able to own guns themselves. He said they should also be allowed to sell guns.

## *Attachments*



## *Jobs, Economy, Growth*

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
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Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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January 8, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 8, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: A medical device maker said it will double the number of workers it has in Pickens County over the next five years. St. Jude Medical vice president David Ewing said the company's new 60,000-square-foot facility in Liberty will be complete by this summer. Ewing said up to 300 new workers will be hired to make parts used in pacemakers and defibrillators at the new site. The company already has a 100,000-square-foot facility in Pickens County.

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Schwan Food Company said Thursday it is closing a food plant in Spartanburg in March, leaving 525 employees out of work. Employees at the Mrs. Smith plant said they were told Thursday the plant was shutting down, but they weren't told why. The Marshall, Minn., company said it is consolidating production at other plants. The Spartanburg plant makes specialty desserts including cream pies and cakes.

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: South Carolina's unemployment rate jumped nearly 1 percentage point in December, to 6.6 percent of the work force. The Employment Security Commission said the increase from 5.9 percent is the largest increase in a single month in at least 18 years. The commission said nearly 143,000 people were unemployed in December, an increase of nearly 16,000 people from November. University of South Carolina economist Doug Woodward said it's the first sign pointing to a recession. The national unemployment rate increased from 4.7 percent to 5 percent in December. Allendale County had the highest rate at 15.3 percent. Lexington County had the lowest rate at 4.5 percent.

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 18, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: President George W. Bush on Friday called for about \$145 billion worth of tax relief to stimulate a sagging economy and fend off a possible recession. Bush said that to be effective, an economic stimulus package would need to roughly represent 1 percent of the gross domestic product - the value of all U.S. goods and services and the best measure of the country's economic standing. White House advisers said that, in current terms, 1 percent would amount to around \$145 billion, which is along the lines of what private economists say should be



sufficient to help give the economy a short-term boost. "Letting Americans keep more of their money should increase consumer spending," he said. Bush said that Congress should work as soon as possible to send him legislation to "keep our economy growing and creating jobs." The president and Congress are scrambling to take action as fears mount that a severe housing slump and painful [credit](#) crisis could cause people to close their wallets and businesses to put a lid on hiring, throwing the nation into its first recession since 2001. "This growth package must be big enough to make a difference in an economy as large and dynamic as ours, which means it should be about 1 percent of GDP," Bush said. He said the package should be built on "broad-based tax relief" that will directly affect economic growth. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is also getting behind a temporary economic boost, and he said Congress should act quickly for it to be effective. Quick Approval Of Stimulus Plan Expected: Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson is confident the White House and Congress can come up with a quick agreement to enact the stimulus package and alleviate the sinking economy. Paulson told a network morning show that the package should be focused on getting money to consumers so they will spend it. Paulson said the plan also would give businesses "the incentive to hire people, to create jobs." In 2001, the government shelled out rebates of \$300 and \$600 to fight the last recession. Paulson took issue with critics who say those rebates failed to stimulate the economy. "The evidence was that people spent between a third and two-thirds of the money and spent it quickly," he said. Asked whether such a plan could inject money into the economy within weeks, Paulson said, "Yeah, weeks."

January 21, 2008  
January 21, 2008

10:00pm  
5:00a-9:00am

The Ten O'clock News  
The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The Dow Jones Industrial Average has started to recover after dropping 450 points minutes after trading opened Tuesday. At 10:50 a.m. EST, the Dow was down about 160 points, gaining almost 300 points from its morning low. The Nasdaq Composite Index was off 117 points and the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index was down 50 points at the open. Both have gained back some of the losses. The sharp drop came despite the Federal Reserve cutting an key [interest rate](#). The Fed lowered its target for the federal funds rate three-quarters of a point to 3.5 percent, the first cut of that size since 1984. The discount rate, the interest it charges to lend directly to banks, to 4 percent comes a week before the central bank's regularly scheduled meeting. In a statement on its Web site, the Federal Reserve took the action in view of a weakening economic [outlook](#) and increasing downside risks to growth. "While strains in short-term funding markets have eased somewhat, broader financial market conditions have continued to deteriorate and credit has tightened further for some businesses and households," the statement said. "Moreover, incoming information indicate s a deepening of the housing contraction as well as some softening in labor markets." It was the Fed's first move between scheduled meetings since the markets reopened after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001. The rate cut was the biggest one-day rate move by the Fed since it lowered rates by a full percentage point in December 1991, when the country was trying to emerge from recession. The move came as global stock markets extended their shakeout into a second day on Tuesday. The declines in Asia come amid worries that a possible U.S. recession could cause a worldwide economic slowdown. Japan's benchmark Nikkei index was down 5.65 percent at the close after dropping almost 4 percent Monday. Tuesday's drop was the worst one-day loss since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Trading was halted in India when the Sensex index plummeted almost 10 percent within minutes of opening. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 8 percent by midday after diving 5.5 percent the day before. A senior economist in Tokyo said chances are slim for stocks to bounce back without some positive -- even "drastic" -- measures from the U.S. government. Oil prices have declined amid expectations that slower U.S. growth will weaken demand for crude. The U.S. markets were closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Stimulus Package Needed: In the wake of the sharply lower opening, the White House said President George W. Bush isn't ruling out a larger economic stimulus package than the \$150 billion already envisioned. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Congress and the White House need to agree quickly on a package of tax cuts and other measures to boost the economy. Paulson told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning "time is of the essence" and that Bush "stands ready to work on a bipartisan basis" to enact legislation as soon as possible. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and leaders in both parties are meeting with Bush at the White House Tuesday to discuss a stimulus bill. The package presumably would involve tax rebates, business tax cuts and funding for a Democratic-led call for additional food stamp and employment aid.

January 30, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION: Many stray animals have been found in homes on that have been foreclosed after the owners left town, officials said. "This is Sara. She just came into us as a stray," said Shelly Simmons, who is with the Greenville County Animal Shelter. Simmons said that in the last few months, hundreds of animals have ended up at the shelter because people lost their homes to foreclosure. "In the last three months, we've had about 300 people that have come in and can't afford to take care of it," Simmons said. "I'm sure quite a few of those are due to foreclosure issues. Simmons said many of the pet owners who are in foreclosure have to give up their cats and dogs to move into apartments that don't accept animals. Now, the shelter is filled to capacity with no where to turn, Simmons said. "Anywhere from 1,600 to 1,900 animals in the last three months have been euthanized simply because we don't have anywhere else to put them. We don't have anymore space in our shelter to hold them," Simmons said. The animal shelter said it is hoping more people will start coming through the door to adopt rather than drop off. "As long as we don't have enough people walking through the door, we will always have to euthanize," Simmons said.

February 11, 2008

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

February 11, 2008

5:00a-9:00am

The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit. Could the country be in recession? Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll. The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year. Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin. "Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford, Calif. Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less." For many, the meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets has proved especially disturbing. Record numbers of people were forced from their homes, unable to afford the monthly loan payments. People watched their single biggest asset fall in value, a reason to tighten the belt. "Obviously the housing market is creating deep concern. And one of the real problems could be that if people, as a result of their value of their homes going down, kind of pull in their horns," President Bush said in a television interview aired Sunday. Credit has become harder to get, thwarting would-be home buyers, adding to the glut of unsold homes and aggravating the housing industry's woes. "For-sale signs are everywhere. In my area, 35 to 40 homes are standing there and aren't even complete. There aren't any buyers," said Jim Sims, 60, of Greer, S.C. Nanette Dahlin, 52, of St. Louis Park, Minn., called the situation "very scary." She said friends in Madison, Minn., put their home up for sale recently and reduced the asking price more than \$100,000 in just a week. "They are in bad shape," Dahlin said. For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent. That was the weakest performance since 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the last recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit in 2007. Builders lowered spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years. The job market is faltering -- a point driven home by a report showing that employers cut jobs in January for the first time in more than four years. "The way things are, people are afraid of losing their jobs," Sanchez said. Employment concerns are contributing to darker feelings about the economy and people's own financial well-being. Consumer confidence, as measured by the RBC Cash Index, dropped to a mark of 48.5 in early February. It was the worst reading since the index began in 2002. A cooling job market along with high energy and food prices are taking a toll on paychecks. Workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, fell 0.9 percent last year. In 2006, earnings grew by a solid 2.1 percent. Wall Street is unsettled and as a result, people's nest eggs are not what they once were. In fact, that was the top economic worry in the AP-Ipsos poll. Fifty-nine percent said they were worried "a lot" or "some" about seeing the value of stocks and retirement investments drop. "I really dread opening my (financial) statements," Sims said. By one rough rule of thumb, a recession occurs when there are two consecutive quarters - - six straight months -- when the economy shrinks. That did not happen in the last recession, though. The economy contracted in the first quarter of 2001, turned positive in the second quarter, shrank in the third quarter and turned up again in the final quarter of that year. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiters for dating recessions, uses a more complicated formula. It takes into account such things as employment and income growth. By that measure, the last recession was in 2001, starting in March and ending in November. Bush, citing

some experts, said the U.S. was not in a recession, although he acknowledged "that the signs are troubling enough" to justify the \$168 billion economic rescue plan that passed Congress this past week. The measure he intends to sign on Wednesday includes [tax](#) rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses. To bolster the economy, the Federal Reserve embarked on a rate-cutting campaign in September, with two big reductions last month. In just eight days in January, the Fed slashed rates by 1.25 percentage points. The hope is that the lower rates will induce people to buy more and revive the economy. So if the poll figure of 61 percent is right -- that the country is now in recession -- then those relief efforts will help ease the effect of a downturn. "People are both depressed and anxious about the state of affairs. The anxiety is going to persist because we are in an uncertain season economically and politically," said Terry Connelly, dean of Golden Gate University's Ageno School of Business. The poll was based on the responses from 1,006 adults surveyed Monday through Wednesday about their attitudes on personal finance and the economy. Results of the survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

February 12, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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**DESCRIPTION:** Groups that promote South Carolina tourism are joining forces to help the state's largest industry. Members of the new group met with Gov. Mark Sanford on Tuesday and spoke about the state's needs. There has been concern recently that the coming vacation season could be one of the slowest for the state's \$16 billion tourism industry since the sharp drop in travel after the 2001 terror attacks. State tourism officials said they want to spend more money on promotions and are counting on people traveling despite an economic slowdown.

February 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
February 21, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** During the winter months, business is a bit slow for fishing supply stores near Lake Hartwell. However, some businesses near the lake said things have started picking up. That's because the Bassmaster Classic, the so-called Super Bowl of fishing, is calling Lake Hartwell home starting Friday. "Out of the 50 contestants, we've seen about 35 of them in here," said Randy Childers of Lake Hartwell Fishing. "When they buy, they buy a lot!" Childers said bait is the big ticket item for his store right now. He said participants of the anglers' tournament are particularly fond of a certain type of fishing lure. "It looks like a crawfish on the bottom," Childers said. "I think a lot of them were smart in paying attention to the full moon this weekend. That is when crawfish hatch, so the fish should bite strong." However, not everyone is swimming in glee over the fishing enthusiasts crowding the lake. Paul Freeman, who owns a bike shop near the lake, said he's worried all the extra traffic around will keep his normal business away. "We've seen traffic come to a dead stop when events happen," Freeman said. "I don't think you'll be able to move in either direction." Childers said he's happy to see all the extra anglers come through his doors in what is typically a slow time of the year for him. "We've made a lot of emergency orders," Childers said. "We're just trying to keep up with it." The Bassmaster Classic starts at 7 a.m. Friday and continues through Sunday afternoon.

March 6, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 6, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** Employers slashed jobs by 63,000 in February, the most in five years, the starkest sign yet the country is heading dangerously toward recession or is in one already. The Labor Department's report, released Friday, also showed that the nation's unemployment rate dipped to 4.8 percent as hundreds of thousands of people -- perhaps discouraged by their prospects -- left the civilian labor force. The jobless rate was 4.9 percent in January. Job losses were widespread, with hefty cuts coming from construction, manufacturing, retailing and a variety of professional and business services. Those losses swamped gains elsewhere, including education and health care, leisure and hospitality, and the government. The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate underscored the heavy toll of the housing and [credit](#) crises on companies, jobseekers and the overall economy. The latest snapshot of what Americans are thinking suggests consumer confidence has hit

another low point. It also came on the heels of a report that consumer confidence in the economy sunk to a mark of 33.1 in early March. The RBC Cash Index report was down from a previous low of 48.5 just last month. The new reading is the worst since the index began in 2002. Worries about a possible recession, persistent problems in the housing and credit markets and lofty energy prices have apparently put people in a more gloomy mindset. Economist Richard Yamarone said from homes, to grocery stores, to gas stations, "there's very little for the consumer to cheer about." Income strategist T.J. Marta said consumers are "definitely in full defensive mode." The RBC Cash Index is based on results of the international polling firm Ipsos. The latest readout comes at a time when the central bank and the government are taking action to boost the economy. The Federal Reserve took new steps Friday to ease the credit crises, including increasing the amount of money it will auction to banks this month to \$100 billion. The Fed said it will make two moves to increase liquidity in the credit markets. First, it will increase the size of its March 10 and 24 auctions to banks to \$50 billion each. The auctions had been set for \$30 billion apiece. Fed officials say they are prepared to move to even larger amounts at future auctions if necessary. The Fed also said that, starting Friday, it will begin a series of repurchase transactions expected to reach \$100 billion. The Labor Department's job report showed that the job losses suffered in January were worse than the government first reported. Employers cut 22,000 jobs, versus 17,000. It was the first monthly back-to-back job losses since May and June 2003, when the job market was still struggling to recover from the blows of the 2001 recession. The health of the nation's job market is a critical factor shaping how the overall economy fares. If companies continue to cut back on hiring, that will spell even more trouble. Friday's report was much weaker than economists were expecting. They were forecasting employers to boost payrolls by around 25,000. However, they were expecting the jobless rate to edge up to 5 percent. The reason why the jobless rate went down, rather than up, is because so many people stopped looking for work and left the labor force. Workers with jobs, however, saw modest wage gains. Average hourly earnings for jobholders rose to \$17.80 in February, a 0.3 percent increase from the previous month. That was on target with economists' forecasts. Over the last 12 months, wages were up 3.7 percent. With high energy and food prices, though, workers may feel squeezed and feel like their paychecks aren't stretching that far.

March 10, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 10, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** BMW said it will spend \$750 million to expand its manufacturing facility in South Carolina and create 500 new jobs. The company said Monday it will add 1.2 million square feet of production space and work already has begun with the construction of new paint shop facilities. The company said it will build a new hybrid vehicle unveiled in the fall and diesel-powered models at the plant. Gov. Mark Sanford and other officials were on hand for the formal announcement. The company started producing cars in Greer in 1994 and now makes 155,000 a year. BMW said that will increase to 240,000 yearly during the next four years.

March 11, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 11, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** State officials said a continuing housing slump and workers released after the holidays kept South Carolina's unemployment rate at about 6 percent in January. The state Employment Security Commission said Tuesday that South Carolina's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in January, down slightly from 6.2 percent the month before. The national unemployment rate also dropped one-tenth of a percent, to 4.9 percent. The commission said the housing downturn led to 4,000 construction jobs cuts, while weak seasonal hiring pushed leisure and professional business services down by 7,500. The release of 9,600 seasonal workers caused a dip in trade and transportation jobs. The state said continuing economic uncertainty will likely impact job growth in South Carolina over the next few months.

March 25, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 25, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** A new report released Monday said South Carolina is not in a recession as many fear, but national economic trends are expected to cause a slowdown here. The March report by the business school at the University of South Carolina said South Carolina's economy is still growing and adding jobs. Economics professor and research director Doug Woodward

said months of worrisome news about the economy have not fundamentally changed consumer spending in South Carolina. However, Woodward said the deteriorating national economy will have an impact here in the coming months .

March 26, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 26, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** South Carolina residents' income grew in 2007 but lagged behind many other states and the nation as a whole, economists said Wednesday. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis said that personal income in South Carolina grew 4.2 percent last year, to just over \$31,000. That figure ranks South Carolina's per capita income as the 4th-lowest in the country, followed by Arkansas, West Virginia and Mississippi. Connecticut ranked first in personal income last year and the year before. Nationwide, personal income growth grew 5.2 percent from 2006.

March 28, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
March 28, 2008	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

**DESCRIPTION:** South Carolina's unemployment rate dropped sharply in February to the lowest level in 6½ years. The rate in February was 5.5 percent, well below January's 6.1 percent. South Carolina's jobless rate is now the lowest since it was 5.5 percent in September 2001. The national rate for February was 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 percent the previous month. State Employment [Security](#) Commission data show the lower rate came as 13,000 fewer people reported they were unemployed during February and nonagricultural employers had 2,100 more people on payrolls. Allendale County had the highest jobless rate at 13.9 percent and Lexington County had the lowest at 4.2 percent. Seven counties had unemployment rates below the national average.

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*Quality of Life*

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**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED  
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Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

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Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sunday, 3/23/08	12:00n	TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER SPECIAL
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DESCRIPTION: A special Easter Service from Taylors First Baptist Church. (30:00)

January 4, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 4, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: When the weather turns cold, most people crank up the heat to guard against the cold. However, for some, staying warm on a cold, winter day is an uphill battle. "When you make \$5 or \$6 an hour, that doesn't go very far in the scheme of paying all your bills," said Pam Garcia of the Salvation Army. Garcia said the Salvation Army needs the public's help to make sure those who struggle to stay warm don't have to struggle any longer. "We need as many blankets as we can get to offer each and every client that comes into our office," Garcia said. Garcia said donations like blankets and electric heaters are especially needed during the winter months. "They're struggling to make ends meet," Garcia said. "Putting food on the table, keeping the electricity on and paying the rent are most important. The last thing on their minds is heat." Garcia said the Salvation Army has some heaters to provide to their clients, but they need more. "People just can't afford it who are making minimum wage and those are many of the people we see coming through our social services department," Garcia said. Garcia said the switch-on of a heater could make all the difference in the lives of those who are left out in the cold

January 7, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 7, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: "Christian Exodus" leader Cory Burnell said his group's expansion to Idaho does not mean it is leaving Anderson. Burnell said the organization's new development in Gem County, Idaho, is a branch of a continually growing group of conservative Christians who want to return to a limited form of government. Burnell said the group's mission and direction in South Carolina have not changed. The organization plans to move families into Anderson County to influence local elections, then spread throughout South Carolina. Burnell said about 15 families have moved to South Carolina as part of his organization, but Burnell has not moved here.

January 15, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 15, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Firefighters battled a blaze at a Greenville County apartment complex on Tuesday night. The fire started at Crescent Landing Apartments in the 1000 block of White Horse Road around 8 p.m. Neighbors said they

heard an explosion and then saw smoke coming from one of the end units at the complex. Firefighters said they believe the fire started in the attic of the end unit where neighbors saw the smoke. Officials said at least eight apartments have been destroyed. The American Red Cross said they have sent a crew to the scene to aid the families who were displaced by the fire. Fire crews shut down a portion of White Horse Road in front of the apartments while they battled the blaze. The cause of the fire was still under investigation. No one was injured in the blaze.

January 18, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 18, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: The number of abortions in the United States dropped to 1.2 million in 2005, the lowest level since 1974 and down 25 percent from the all-time high of 1.6 million in 1990, according to report issued Thursday. The [Guttmacher Institute](#), which surveyed abortion providers nationwide, said there likely were several reasons for the decline, including more effective use of contraceptives, lower levels of unintended pregnancy and greater difficulty obtaining abortions in some parts of the country. The institute's president, Sharon Camp, noted that despite the decline, more than one in five pregnancies ended in abortion in 2005. "Our policymakers at the state and federal levels need to understand that behind virtually every abortion is an unintended pregnancy, so we must redouble our efforts towards prevention, through better access to contraception," Camp said. The Guttmacher Institute supports abortion rights, yet both sides in the debate on the issue consider its abortion surveys the most comprehensive in the United States because they encompass California, the most populous state. California state agencies do not collect abortion data to contribute to federal surveys. According to the Guttmacher data, the number of abortions declined by 8 percent between 2000 and 2005, from 1.31 million to 1.21 million. Similarly, the 2005 abortion rate of 19.4 per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 was down 9 percent from 2000. Abortion rates were highest in Washington, D.C., New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Florida, Maryland and California. Rates were lowest in largely rural states: Wyoming, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Dakota, Idaho and Utah. However, the report noted that the rates reflected the state in which the abortion occurred, thus including nonresident women who crossed state lines to get an abortion. By region, the Northeast had the highest abortion rate, followed by the West, the South and the Midwest. One pronounced trend in recent years is an increase in early medication abortion -- notably through use of the RU-486 abortion pill. These types of procedures accounted for 13 percent of all abortions in 2005, more than double the level in 2001. The report said 57 percent of abortion providers now offer medication abortion services, compared with 33 percent in 2001. "Currently, more than six in 10 abortions occur within the first eight weeks of pregnancy," said Rachel Jones, lead researcher for the survey. "Medication abortion, which provides women with an additional option early in pregnancy, clearly reinforces this very positive trend."

January 21, 2008	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
January 21, 2008	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

DESCRIPTION: Nearly 40 years after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., some say his legacy is being frozen in a moment in time that ignores the full complexity of the man and his message. "Everyone knows -- even the smallest kid knows about Martin Luther King -- can say his most famous moment was that 'I have a dream' speech," said Henry Louis Taylor Jr., professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Buffalo. "No one can go further than one sentence. All we know is that this guy had a dream. We don't know what that dream was." King was working on anti-poverty and anti-war issues at the time of his death. He had spoken out against the Vietnam War and was in Memphis when he was killed in April 1968 in support of striking sanitation workers. King had come a long way from the crowds who cheered him at the 1963 March on Washington, when he was introduced as "the moral leader of our nation" - and when he pronounced "I have a dream" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. By taking on issues outside segregation, he had lost the support of many newspapers and magazines, and his relationship with the White House had suffered, said Harvard Sitkoff, a professor of history at



the University of New Hampshire who has written a recently published book on King. "He was considered by many to be a pariah," Sitkoff said. But he took on issues of poverty and militarism because he considered them vital "to make equality something real and not just racial brotherhood but equality in fact," Sitkoff said. Scholarly study of King hasn't translated into the popular perception of him and the civil rights movement, said Richard Greenwald, professor of history at Drew University. "We're living increasingly in a culture of top 10 lists, of celebrity biopics which simplify the past as entertainment or mythology," he said. "We lose a view on what real leadership is by compressing him down to one window." That does a disservice to both King and society, said Melissa Harris-Lacewell, professor of politics and African-American studies at Princeton University. By freezing him at that point, by putting him on a pedestal of perfection that doesn't acknowledge his complex views, "it makes it impossible both for us to find new leaders and for us to aspire to leadership," Harris-Lacewell said. She believes it's important for Americans in 2008 to remember how disliked King was before his death in April 1968. "If we forget that, then it seems like the only people we can get behind must be popular," Harris-Lacewell said. "Following King meant following the unpopular road, not the popular one." In becoming an icon, King's legacy has been used by people all over the political spectrum, said Glenn McNair, associate professor of history at Kenyon College. He's been part of the 2008 presidential race, in which Barack Obama could be the country's first black president. Obama has invoked King, and Sen. John Kerry endorsed Obama by saying "Martin Luther King said that the time is always right to do what is right." Not all the references have been received well. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton came under fire when she was quoted as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. King has "slipped into the realm of symbol that people use and manipulate for their own purposes," McNair said. Harris-Lacewell said that is something people need to push back against. "It's not OK to slip into flat memory of who Dr. King was, it does no justice to us and makes him too easy to appropriate," she said. "Every time he gets appropriated, we have to come out and say that's not OK. We do have the ability to speak back."

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**DESCRIPTION:** Two children were hospitalized in Greenville with serious injuries after a church bus carrying nearly a dozen children home from a service overturned in Pickens County on Wednesday night. Greenville Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Karen Gecewich said one child was in critical condition and one was in serious condition. The bus driver and a third child were in fair condition. The fourth child was treated and released. Pickens County Emergency Management director Don Evett said it took an hour to get the driver out of the Lakewood Baptist Church bus. It was not immediately clear which hospitals got the other children on the bus. Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Scot Edgeworth said the bus ran off U.S. Highway 178, overturned and hit a tree. He said he doesn't know if fog was a factor.

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**DESCRIPTION:** What started as a brush fire quickly spread to a neighboring apartment building Tuesday, said witnesses. Residents said they were caught completely off guard. "All I saw was a grass fire and then I heard a loud pop," said Pat Pruitt, a fire victim. Others said the same thing. I opened the door, grabbed the fire extinguisher then someone grabbed me and said it was too late, so I grabbed my boys and put them in the car and helped people knock on doors," said Jessica Kurt, another fire victim. Within minutes, firefighters said the blaze spread through the attic, devouring every single apartment on the top floor. "The top apartment over in the far corner was engulfed in flames. And every time it looked like they would have it out, it would shoot back up with smoke everywhere. I mean flames got up to like 30 feet in the air," said Chris Dice, a witness. Residents of the complex said they rushed home from work in a frenzy and could see smoke across the sky. "I could see the flames and smoke, so of course I'm panicking trying to get home because I don't know how close it is and the wind is blowing," said Wanda McMurtury, a neighbor to the burned complex. Firefighters said the wind not only made the fire move quickly through the building, but it also made it difficult to control the flames. They said it took about an hour and a half to put the fire out. Now, people who called the 12 apartments home are trying to see past the smoke. "I feel at peace because God is going to protect me through all this even though people are losing possessions -- possessions are not important because no life was lost," said Kurt. The Red Cross responded and

is providing the displaced residents with shelter. "I think the biggest challenge is really wrapping their mind around what just happened to them. I think that is first and foremost coming to the realization they just lost everything," said Brian Scoles, of American Red Cross.

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DESCRIPTION: Residents of the Caledon Woods apartment building returned to their ruined apartments to salvage what they could after a Tuesday blaze destroyed their homes. They said they arrived to find a big mess. "It's wet, burned, smoked," said Hildegard Eggr, who said she lost her apartment to the fire. "All you can think is there's nothing left." Eggr said she and her neighbors pulled together to help each other sift through the ashes of their homes. She said their help was priceless. "They were really helpful especially for the passport because without the visa it would have been a problem to stay here," said Eggr. She said she and her husband are from Italy and when the fire happened, she said they had no family or friends to turn to. She said she's thankful for the Red Cross for its help. Red Cross workers said that help like they gave to the Eggrs might be in jeopardy if donations to the organization continue to slow. "The sad but true statistic is that this behind me has played out 46 times since Jan. 1," said Brian Scoles, with American Red Cross. He said the South Carolina upstate chapter of the organization is burned out on funds. "By the time we finish providing assistance for families affected, we will have committed over \$70,000 just in the month of January," said Scoles.

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DESCRIPTION: A 28th name was added to the list of people wounded in The Orangeburg Massacre during a commemoration ceremony at South Carolina State University. Friday's ceremony marked the 40th anniversary of the 1968 shooting that also left three students dead. John H. Elliot was added to the list of those injured in the shooting. Elliot said he was shot in the stomach the night of the massacre but did not go to the hospital for treatment. He gave the benediction at Friday's ceremony. During the remembrance, one of the speakers called for the crowd to assemble at the site of the shooting in another 40 years to mark just how far civil rights have progressed. The events that led up to The Orangeburg Massacre actually started two nights before. On Feb. 6, 1968, black students from South Carolina State University and Claflin College gathered in front of Orangeburg's only bowling alley. They were protesting the segregation that was present at the alley despite the passing of the Civil Rights Act four years early. The protests continued for the following two evenings. However, on Feb. 8, 1968, protestors gathered on the campus of South Carolina State University and started a bonfire. As law enforcement tried to put it out, an officer was injured when he was hit with a piece of wood. In response, a highway patrolman fired his gun into the air hoping to calm the crowd. Instead of ending the commotion, other officers drew their weapons and began firing into the crowd of protestors. When the shots ended, three students – 18-year-old Henry Smith, 18-year-old Samuel Hammond Jr. and 17-year-old Delano Middleton - were dead and 28 others were hurt. Nine patrolmen were charged with using excessive force. They claimed they were taking fire from small weapons. All were later acquitted. The Orangeburg Massacre made headlines again in February of 2003 when legislators introduced a bill that called for the creation of a commission to determine the best compensations to the victims and their families of the shooting.

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**DESCRIPTION:** A new report says subprime lenders that went out of business with the industry's collapse targeted minority neighborhoods. These companies' high-risk [loans](#) made up 20 percent of all loans in predominantly minority communities, compared with just 4 percent of total loans in mostly white areas. The report said that minority communities are being hurt most by the subprime crisis, with [foreclosures](#), sinking property values, abandoned homes and higher crime. The report is being released Thursday by an alliance of policy, research and advocacy organizations. Advocacy groups say poor and minority borrowers who qualified for traditional loans were still steered into risky adjustable mortgages. When the "teaser" rates reset to higher ones, it often made monthly payments unaffordable. The report recommends mortgage reform legislation.

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**DESCRIPTION:** We swear this story is true: it's No Cussing Week in South Pasadena. The City Council passed a proclamation Wednesday, putting curse words off limits during the first week of every March. The mayor said it provides a reminder for people "to be more civil, to elevate the level of discourse." No Cussing Week was the inspiration of 14-year-old McKay Hatch, the founder of South Pasadena High School's No Cussing Club. Hatch admits he himself engaged in colorful language in the past, but said he tries not to anymore. Hatch hopes his No Cussing Club will lead to cuss-free zones in other cities. He said he thinks it could be a quality-of-life issue and said there could be less violence if people behave better.

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**DESCRIPTION:** Part of U.S. 17 will be named for the nine Charleston firefighters killed in a June furniture store blaze. State lawmakers have approved a bill that would name a nearly four-mile stretch of the road in honor of the firefighters. The Post and Courier of Charleston reported Tuesday that the portion of the road will be named the "Charleston Nine Memorial Highway." The stretch of road runs by the Sofa Super Store site, which the city hopes to turn into a memorial. Charleston Rep. Leon Stavrinakis said the move will be a fitting tribute and ensure that people will always remember what happened. Officials have not announced a cause for the blaze, though authorities have said the fire began near a loading dock where employees said they took cigarette breaks.

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**DESCRIPTION:** Some residents who live near East Belvedere Street in Greenville County said they are taking steps to take back their community from gangs. The group walked through the neighborhood on Tuesday, knocking on doors and asking people to sign petitions in a fight against gangs. "We are not going to take it lying down anymore," said Patricia Grant, one of the neighborhood activists. "We are here to say we love our children, but we don't love what they are doing." The group walked by spray-painted houses, graffiti-covered stop signs and even a paint-coated car. They said gangs even spray-painted an elderly woman's home and car. "It just seems like they go around damaging people's property without thinking about the consequences," the elderly woman's daughter said. She did not want to be identified. The daughter said her mother does not have the money to clean up the mess left by the vandals, so businesses and other people in the community are going to pay for the cleanup. "When property is being damaged, we're saying it's wrong and criminal," said Paul Guy, another community activist. The group said they want the County Council to adopt stricter laws against gang activity. They said parents should be held responsible. They also want more deputies dedicated to stopping the gang problem. The group hopes to give their petitions to the County Council within the next few weeks.